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Tokyo Merger Creates a Superbank as **Global Leader**

Union Of Mitsubishi And the Bank of Tokyo To Dwarf Competitors

> By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO - The talks began over a few drinks between the presidents of two of Japan's foremost banks. They resulted in the announcement of a merger that, if finalized, would create the largest bank in the world, nearly four times the size of

Citicorp.

After a cagey trail of "no comments" and denials earlier in the day, the presidents of Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. and the

dents of Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. and the Bank of Tokyo sat shoulder-to-shoulder Tuesday night to declare that the two banks planned to merge.

The new bank, tentatively called Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank, would combine the two Japanese banks with the highest quality assets, creating a powerful superbank that linked Bank of Tokyo's strong global presence with Mitsubishi's extensive domestic-branch network branch network

"It's like marrying the two most beautiful people in the world," said Alicia Ogawa, a financial analyst at Salomon Brothers Asia Ltd. "Hey, let's spread the wealth around."

The new bank would have assets of 72.8 trillion yen (\$820 billion), more than the largest U.S. and European banks - Citi-

corp and Crédit Lyonnais — combined.
Before trading in both banks' stock was
suspended on Tuesday, Bank of Tokyo's
shares rose 150 yen, or 12 percent, to 1,400 yen, while Mitsubishi Bank's shares climbed 160 yen, or 8 percent, to 2,150 yen.

The Japanese stock market, moreover, staged its biggest rally in two months on speculation of the merger. The Nikkei 225 stock index rose 585.48 points to close at 16,681.73.

Since both banks have sizable subsidia ies in California, the proposed linkage raised questions about how United States regulatory authorities would view the merger, Mitsubishi Bank owns Bank of California, while Bank of Tokyo owns Union Bank.

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The two bank presidents declined to give specific details on how the merger would occur, but shareholders were expected to vote on the deal in May, analysts

Mitsubishi Bank was founded as the Mitsubishi Exchange Office, established in 1880 by Yatoro Iwasaki, founder of the giant Mitsubishi group. How much banks have changed, however, was underscored by the way in which the presidents on Tuesday suggested how the merger came about: Simply put, the two men just seemed to get along with each other.

"As bank presidents, we frequently met

in various occasions, including drinking See BANK, Page 6



FIRST LADY IN INDIA - Hillary Clinton, continuing her tour of South Asia, being greeted Monday by nuns at Mother Teresa's orphanage in New Delhi.

A Nigerian Killing Field That's Also Rich in Oil

By Howard W. French New York Times Service

AMINIGBOKO, Nigeria — Two years after reports of government-directed campaign of killings first began to filter out of this oil-producing region of southeastern Nigeria, an international human rights group says that it has collected many accounts of victims and participants in military attacks on the Ogoni ethnic group.

According to a report by the organization, Human Rights Watch/Africa, over the last two years Nigerian soldiers have repeatedly attacked Ogoni hamlets, shooting unarmed villagers, raping women and burning their

In one of these attacks in 1993, the report said, soldiers

were told they were being sent to repel an incursion by troops of neighboring Cameroon into a disputed border

"When we arrived, they told us to shoot everyone who crossed our path," a Nigerian soldier who took part in the attack on an Ogoni village told Human Rights Watch. "I followed my orders until I realized that the approaching civilians were Nigerians."

The reports of army-led drives against the Ogoni — a 500,000-member ethnic group whose densely populated homeland is situated in Nigeria's oldest oil-producing region — come at a time of growing calls, both inside Nigeria and aproad, for sanctions to isolate the dictatorship of General Sani Abacha.

At the heart of the campaign of violence, residents of

the oil-producing Niger River Delta say, is a conflict that pits the interests of the Ogoni against Shell Petroleum Development Co. of Nigeria. For years, the Ogoni have been at the forefront of demands by many of Nigeria's ethnic minorities that the government both do more to

oil-producing lands in the southeast. In addition to destroying their lands, the Ogoni have variously accused Shell of ordering army reprisals and of

the Ogoni in the form of money and intelligence. Shell officials at the company's sprawling operational headquarters for eastern Nigeria in Port Harcourt, the capital of Rivers state, deny both assertions, saying that

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UN Corruption Cop: New Man on a Very Political Beat

charge of ferreting out waste and corrup-tion in the organization's notorious bu-By Julia Preston reaucracy. He is the first official to fill a job, informally known as inspector-general, that was created last year by the UN NEW YORK - He doesn't look like a gninshoe. His suit is natty and his air General Assembly after a campaign by the United States and a threat from Congress and funded UN inspector-general is scruti-nizing all branches of the system and tellurbane. His English is flawless, polished during the many years he served the Ger-

to withhold funding if the organization did

A lot of American money still rides on Karl Theodore Paschke is the top manthe German diplomat's performance. A agement cop at the United Nations, in bill sponsored by the Republican speaker, the administration will argue that he has

Newt Gingrich of Georgia, that passed the House in February would withhold up to half of U.S. funds for UN peacekeeping

To the frustration of the U.S. Mission. unless President Bill Clinton certifies that a fully independent, adequately staffed

ing governments what he or she finds.

Based on his progress so far, Mr.

Paschke will find himself in coming weeks at the center of a partisan struggle in which

which backed Mr. Paschke to fill the new post, he has been slow off the mark. Since he started in November, he has issued only one public report — on a \$4 million theft in the UN Mission in Somalia that was investigated well before he took office. Even congressional Democrats who tra-

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Allies Likely To Reject U.S. Plea for Ban Of Libyan Oil

Extending Sanctions Gets No Support in Europe or Middle East

> By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

PARIS - Oil industry executives dismissed Tuesday the possibility of imposing a global embargo on Libyan oil purchases, saying it would be strongly opposed by European buyers of Libyan oil, including Italy, Germany and France, as well as a

number of Arab allies of the United States. The White House confirmed Tuesday that the United States would ask the United Nations to impose an embargo on Libya because of Libya's refusal to turn over two suspects in the December 1988 bomb-

ing of a Pan Am jetliner over Scotland.
The White House press secretary, Michael McCurry, said that consultations have already begun with members of the Security Council. On Monday, W. Anthony Lake, Presi-

dent Bill Clinton's national security adviser, told a group of relatives of victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing, which the administration accuses two Libyan secret service agents of planning, that Washington would ask the United Nations Security Council next month for a worldwide embargo of Libya's exports of 1.1 million barrels a day, which represent the country's only source of revenue.

A restricted regime of sanctions has been in force since 1992 after Libya refused to hand over the Libyan suspects for trial in the United States or Scotland, All 259 passengers, including 189 Americans and the crew, died and 11 people on the

ground were killed in the bombing. protect their environment and share more revenue with Senior oil executives and international consultants interviewed by phone in London, Geneva. Paris. Brussels and Zurich were unanimous Tuesday in the view that the United States would have to impos such a ban virtually by force through a

naval blockade. They added that Washington could not expect members of the UN Security Council to acquiesce in such a move.

Italy, Germany and Spain are big clients of Libyan oil, which is of a light variety. It is much favored because of its proximity to Mediterranean markets and the ease of refining it into gasoline and other prod-

A senior European Union official in Brussels said he doubted the Europeans would go along with further sanctions on Libya because its oil may be difficult to replace without significant economic disruptions for Europe.

The official, who noted that he spoke privately but that his views reflected dominant feelings among members of the European Union, also said that Tunisia and Morocco, which have close ties with the

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man government at its embassy in Wash-

END OF SUSPENSE — Clutching their trophies backstage after the 67th annual Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, the top Oscar winners: Martin Landau, left, Dianne Weist, Jessica Lange and Tom Hanks. Page 22.

AGENDA

Second U.S. Missile Defense Test Fails

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. military failed again Tuesday to shoot down a test missile over the Atlantic Ocean with a projectile fired from a navy warship, the Pentagon said.

The failure, the military's second this month, was a high-profile setback for the Theater Missile Defense program even as Republicans in Congress are seeking to spend more on developing a defense against missile attacks.

The Pentagon said the projectile was launched from the cruiser Richmond Turner but failed to hit a test missile fired from Wallops Island, Virginia.

Fed Keeps Rates Flat

With the U.S. economy sending uncertain signals whether higher interest rates have done enough to rein in inflation. Federal Reserve Board policymakers decided Tuesday to wait and see what happens during a particularly delicate pas-sage for the business cycle this spring. The Federal Open Market Committee meets again in May. (Page 12)

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In Vino Veritas: Hire the Jobless

TOULOUSE, France - A million wine bottles will be used to help France's fight against near-record unemployment by carrying details of jobless voung people direct to drinkers, wine producers announced Tuesday.

Each of the bottles of Fronton wine from the Tarn and Garonne region of southwestern France will have a sticker with details of one of 1,000 unemployed people under 25 years old, their work experience, the job they want and a telephone

"The table is a place for conviviality, but it's also a place where business is dis-cussed," said Olivier Cabirol, representing local wine producers. "Through our bottles, we hope to reach potential employers

directly. The bottle campaign is to start across

France on April 3. "What pleased me about this operation is the really direct side of the scheme, because you get right to their table," said Stephane, one of the 1,000 job-seekers.

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By Walter Pincus and Dan Morgan Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Before Congress adjourned last year it passed a \$243 billion military appropriations bill containing dozens of "pork barrel" projects for members' home states, as well as numerous nonmilitary programs that could not find financing in

other bills. The spending included \$5.4 million for Hawaii's Small Business Development Center; \$3.5 million for a military-style boot camp in Cook County, Illinois, for youthful drug offenders; \$10 million for a National Guard program to help youngsters in Los Angeles, and \$1.5 million to round up wild horses that wander onto a New Mexico missile range — a job once

handled by the Bureau of Land Management. Then came the \$15 million for developing an elec-tric car, a project that found a home in the military hill in the late 1980s when money for energy appropriations grew tight.

Now, in its first round of serious budget cutting, Congress is slashing billions of dollars of previously approved spending, for purposes ranging from public broadcasting to housing for people with AIDS.

But the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill has left untouched the projects listed above. The spending part of billions of dollars never sought by the Pentagon, but added to the defense bill last fall at the behest of Senators and Representatives in both par-

"The insertion of these items has become an incredible art form," said Senator John S. McCain 3d, Republican of Arizona and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. An outspoken foe of pork barrel spending, he has compiled a list of more than \$6 billion in defense projects he says represent "wasteful, earmarked, nondefense, or otherwise low-priority pro-

Despite the Republicans' scizure of control of Congress in the 1994 midterm elections, Senator McCain said, the refusal to cut these programs suggests that

"business as usual" continues in Congress.

Republican leaders have protected the military as they go about the initial round of budget cutting. A House-passed bill cuts \$17.1 billion from domestic programs, but not a dime from the 1995 military budget. A toned-down Senate version, which trims \$13.3 billion, also spares the military.

In separate, supplemental legislation, the House and Senate did propose military cuts of \$1.4 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively, in allocating emergency funds to replenish the Pentagon's coffers. And the House cut \$502 million from the Clinton administration's technology reinvestment program, which helps defense companies convert to civilian production.

But almost all of the projects added by members last fall have survived. A House-Senate conference on the recissions bill, scheduled to begin Wednesday, will be the last chance to kill the pork for fiscal 1995. Among the earmarked projects approved last year: The home state of the then-chairman of the Senate

Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Daniel K. Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, got more than just the Small Business Center. It also pocketed \$56.4 million for the Pacific Missile Range; \$13 million for a high-performance computer facility: \$10 million to port two ships in Pearl Harbor, and additional funds for military medical facilities.

The \$3.5 million for a drug offenders' boot camp in Illinois originated with a request by the Cook County sheriff to Dan Rostenkowski, then the Democratic chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, a congressional source said.

Mr. Rostenkowski arranged for language to be inserted in the military bill while it was before House-Senate conferees — after the measure had already been before the House and Senate for a vote. The conferees directed "that the Department of

Defense provide assistance to the county sheriff's

office in the planning of a military-style regime and See PORK, Page 6



By Steven Mufson Washington Past Service

ELIING - Delegates to the National People's Congress have given China a taste of what politics might be like in the post-Deng Xiaoping era.

With Mr. Deng at 90 years of age and reportedly ailing, that era may not be far off. It could be marked by the use of policy issues as proxies in a battle for personal influence among the top ligures in the Communist Party, more assertiveness by legislatures traditionally used as rubber stamps for policy edicts, and the rise of strong provincial leaders ready to drive tougher bargains with the

Twice this month, the Chinese Parliament mustered relatively large votes against a can-didate or policy handed down by the Communist Party leadership.

Jiang Chunyun, a candidate for deputy prime minister and an ally of President Jiang Zemin, received only 66 percent of the delegates' votes, the lowest support a candidate has ever received. Another big bloc of delegates — more than one-third — voted last weekend against banking legislation that would make the People's Bank of China, under the leadership of Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongii, a somewhat more independent and provide the control of the cont dent and powerful central bank.

Although neither vote threatens the power of the Communist Party's leadership to dictate policy, and although the National People's Congress will not meet again for nearly a year, the votes showed that a significant num-ber of representatives were willing to speak out against the wishes of top leaders.

"These are both very significant," said John P. Burns, who teaches politics at the University of Hong Kong. He added that the ability of the organization department of the Communist Party to deliver votes in the Congress appears to have weakened.

It is part of a "general trend of creeping parliamentarism," said Brantly Womack, a professor of Chimese politics at the University of Virginia. In the past couple of years, provincial congresses have dealt defeats to officially sponsored candidates, he said.

"We have less and less unanimous voting" in the National People's Congress, said Andrew Nathan, professor of Chinese politics at Columbia University. "We do see a phenomenon, over quite a few years, of...delegates occasionally taking their role more seriously." HE legislature has rarely flexed its muscles, although China's 1982 constitution calls it "the highest organ

of state power. In 1989, when anti-government demonstrators occupied Tiananmen Square, a group of delegates signed a petition calling for the legislature to be reconvened to deal with the

In 1992, about one-third of the delegates opposed or abstained from voting on a plan pressed by Prime Minister Li Peng to build a massive dam at the scenic Three Gorges on the Yangtze River, a project that will displace more than a million people. A year later, another candidate presented to the Congress

drew widespread opposition.
"That's an important trend that I believe will continue and accelerate after Deng because there will be a power vacuum," Nathan said. Without Mr. Deng to make final decisions, he added, at times the Congress or its standing committee "will be tempted to try to make them and dare anybody to contravene them when they have the constitution

At the 40th anniversary celebration of the Congress last fall, its chairman, Qiao Shi, said the party should submit all decisions to the



Qiao Shi, left, with President Jiang Zemin. The Congress chairman has been trying to win more power for the legislature.

Congress for ratification and possible alter-

The implicit target of Mr. Qiao's admonition was President Jiang, who, according to a mainstream Hong Kong newspaper, successfully urged many senior leaders to boycott the 40th anniversary event. Similarly, Mr. Jiang was seen by many analysts as the hidden target in last weekend's heavy vote against Jiang Chunyun, who is no relation to the president.

"The fact that so many people voted against this individual is significant as a protest vote and may be about the way Jiang Zemin is building up his own personal empire in Beijing," Mr. Burns said.

Jiang Zemin already has moved reliable allies, mostly from his power base in Shanghai but some from Shandong, into key posts. including the director of the Central Committee's general office, the deputy head of the Propaganda Department and the commander of the People's Armed Police. In addition to Jiang Chunyun, a former Shandong party secretary, the president also backed the Shanghai party secretary, Wu Bangguo, for another deputy prime ministership.

Many other provinces resent Shanghai's heavy representation in top ranks of leadership and the special priority given over the past three years to economic development in

 N MEETINGS with provincial delegations, senior party leaders were met with complaints of unfair revenue-sharing and interference by the central government in provincial economic plans. Delegates from Guangdong, the booming southern province that is the engine behind China's exports, were particularly vociferous. These sessions reflect the bargaining relationship between strong provinces and the central government, which used a new collec-tion method last year to start taking a bigger bite of national tax revenue.

"Obviously Jiang Zemin is having to scramble hard to make sure that the party is united behind him," Mr. Burns said. Some analysts, however, see the session of

the People's Congress not as an indication of a more muscular parliament, but more as a political maneuver engineered by its chair-man. Mr. Qiao, a former boss of the Communist Party intelligence apparatus who still uses his wartime cover name, has become an unlikely standard-bearer for many Chinese hoping for democratic reforms initiated from within the Communist Party.

Many hope that Mr. Qiao, 70, could be-come China's equivalent of Yuri V. Andropov, the former Soviet intelligence chief who took the first steps toward reforming the Soviet political system during his short tenure as Kremlin leader.

As chairman of the National People's Congress, Mr. Qiao has been trumpeting the need for a system of laws and the importance of turning the Congress into a "real power body." Such a system by definition means an erosion of China's usual sources of power the seven-man State Council, the Communist Party's Central Committee and the whims of the party's general secretary.

"The delegates' vote against Jiang Chunyun may have been less a provincial rebellion against the center than an attempt by Qiao Shi and Tian Jiyun, and perhaps Li Ruihuan as well," to strengthen the Congress's role "as a meaningful forum for policy deliberation and decision-making," said Richard Baum, professor at the University of California at Los Angeles.

In the case of the banking legislation, oppo-sition to the party position might have been

based both among traditional party groups wary of ceding any power to the central bank as well as from representatives taking sides in the personal power struggle among compet-

ing leaders.

"One likely arena of succession competition will be the pushing of policy agendas," said Mr. Womack of the University of Virginia. "This was a major part of Deng's activity in 1975 through 1979."

OR the most part, the government's policy agenda was presented by Prime Minister Li. The dour but durable Mr. Li, who signed the martial law order before the bloody crackdown on anti-government demonstrators in 1989, made the opening speech, put forward the candidates for the deputy prime minister posts and held a perfunctory press conference to close the session

In the middle of the two-week session, Mr. Li made a trip to the UN social development conference in Copenhagen, thus sidestepping caucuses that could have been confrontational. But he returned to promote the leader-ship's agenda of trimming growth and infla-tion and using the reform of state enterprises as a means of strengthening, not eliminating, state companies.

The role of such policy positions as part of the jostling for leadership posts underlines a change from most of the era in which Mr. Deng ruled China as its paramount leader by balancing different factions within his Com-

We're going through a transition period when leaders are scrambling for position," Mr. Burns said. "Deng Xiaoping as paramount leader could stabilize the system through considerations of factional balance. But with him no longer there and no paramount leader of the same stature, no one is in position to impose that rule."

A Taste of Success At Climate Parley

Oil Producers Won't Disrupt **UN Global-Warming Meeting**

tions opened an 11-day conference Tuesday aimed at averting global warming and climate change, and immediately notched a small success in persuading oil-producing nations

not to block the proceedings.

The Berlin conference, with at least 1,000 delegates from 130 countries expected to attend, is a follow-up to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janei-to. Its goal is to establish a basis for cutting air pollution into the next century.

The people of the world "expect us to take the decisions necessary to protect them from the harm that threatens," Angola Merkel, the German environment minister, said at the opening session. She is also the president of the conference. "We carry responsibility not only for today's generation, but also for those of the future," she

Among the opponents of big cuts in emissions are oil producers. Burned fossil fuels account for much of the carbon dioxide

that some scientists believe is warming the atmosphere. Oil-producing nations, led by Saudi Arabia, had threatened to deadlock the conference by insisting that voting should be by

consensus only, giving them an

effective veto. But the Saudi delegation agreed in private talks with Mrs. Merkel to set the matter aside for now and let the con-

ference proceed. The real debate in Berlin is expected to center on two is-

emission targets beyond 2000. In Rio, the industrialized nations promised to cut emissions of "greenhouse gases" to 1990 levels by 2000, but they are falling short of that.

There will also be arguments on "joint implementation," in which a formula must be found to let industrial countries offset some of their emissions quotas by helping developing nations. Mrs. Merkel was blust about the consequences the world could face if it lets global warm-

ing continue unchecked.

If we don't take action, we must expect grave and irreversible conseguences, a rise in sea levels, a shift in climate and vegetation zones and a deterioration in food production and are only a few examples," she

The awkwardly named First Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will pull together most of the 166 countries that agreed to work on global climatological problems at the Rio summit meeting in 1992.

But since those heady days, the interests of rich nations have indicated that consensus

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Will be hard to come by. Few of the industrial countries are on a clear path toward achieving the goal to hold emissions levels to 1990 levels.

The Berlin conference also is intended to resolve several administrative issues set in motion in Rio, including choosing a site for the headquarters of the new international climate secretariat - Canada, Germany and Switzerland are vying for the privilege - and how big a bud-

get to allocate.
Delegates will debate whether and when to begin setting guidelines for emissions levels in the decades beyond 2000.

Earthaction Network, an international umbrella organization of environmental groups, warned in a recent report: "Rising sea levels, threats to food crops, more severe floods, limitary ricanes, drought, increasing poverty, the spread of disease and a threat to the survivaling millions of the world's species are some of the risks that we

The Association of Small is land States is anxious enough it demand a 20 percent cut incerbon dioxide emissions by 2015, an improbable goal at beat.

"Each tick of the clock could be time lost in saving some 30 small island nations from drowning in a sea of rising tides," President Maumons Abdul Gayoom of the Makhite Islands said here Monday.

But some meteorologists and analysts who are skeptical of the greenhouse theory asset that global warming reflects a natural cycle of temperature fluctuation and has not been One is whether countries will decisively tied to human accommit themselves to further tions. (Reuers, B/P)

Italian Court Opens Way for Smoking Ban

ROME - An adminis trative court has ruled that public places, ranging from nestaurants to post offices, must ben snoking through-

out Italy.

The health minister has 30 days to decide if he will convert the ruling, issued Monday by the Lazio regional tribunal, into law.

The ruling however, re-iected a bid by consumer advocates to extend the ban to all workplaces, saying that only those open to the public would have to pronibit smoking.

Public establishments that include night clubs and bars can ask to be exempted from the ban if they install air-conditioning systems judged strong enough to keep air fresh.

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On Land Returned to Jordan, an Early Harvest of Trust

New York Times Service

ZOFAR, Israel - With a small Jordanian flag on the windshield, Nissim Douek recently drove his dusty station wagon across the border to work his fields in territory that was handed back to Jordan under a peace treaty with Israel.

a Jordanian soldier at a check-point. "No problem at all." Since early February, members of Zofar, an agricultural

cooperative in the Arava Valley of the Negev Desert, have been leaving Israel daily to farm their land under an arrangement seen here as a possible model for resolving other Arab-Israeli land disputes.

r a peace treaty with Israel. The "special regime," as it is called in the treaty, allows Is-Mr. Douek, an Israeli farmer, as raeli farmers to work their fields his entry pass was inspected by across the border, entering with

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About half of Zofar's agricultural land now lies in Jordan, part of 340 square kilometers (130 square miles) returned by Israel as part of a border demarcation between the two countries. About 400 hectares (1.000

acres) were returned at Zofar, along with similar parcels of mostly desolate land all along Jordan's frontier with Israel Fields of red peppers, onions,

tomatoes, squash and flowers, grown for export as well as for the Israeli market, now lie behind ramparts topped by Jordanian flags, watched by soldiers in a lookout post and in patrol

"This is a totally new model which doesn't exist anywhere else in the world," said Gilad Livni, who represented Zofar on an Israeli-Jordanian committee that worked out the new arrangements. "As residents, we took part in peacemaking. We sat down with the Jordanians and decided together how this would work, and it is going able that the Jordanians have according to plan."

begun in another agricultural area south of the Sea of Galilee. still wary of a possible attack by It grants Israelis the right to use land under Jordanian sovereignty, subject to automatic re- agreement, register their weapnewal every 25 years unless one ons as they enter Jordan.

Mr. Livni and other members of this community of 50 families carry Jordanian passes enabling them to enter their fields in an area known in Jordan as Al Ghamr.

About 250 hired field hands from Thailand and foreign volunteers working in Zofar can also enter the area, as well as Israeli technicians maintaining 13 water wells that serve several farming communities.

Although the zone is under Jordanian law, Israeli police officers may enter to handle disputes and investigate crimes among Israelis. The farmers are exempt from dual taxation of produce grown in the area.

The arrangement is so amiagreed to allow four farmers to

The same arrangement has enter with the guns they carry for self-defense. The Israelis, Muslim militants or by a Jordanian opposed to the peace

> Concerns in Zofar about security risks and bureaucratic delays seem to have melted away. Some Israelis visit with the Jordanian soldiers, chatting with them over coffee, while others talk of starting joint farming ventures in the zone with Jordanians.

"This is the best solution for an easy change." us; it's wonderful," said a farmer, Rafi Negev. "I fought in three wars and was seriously wounded in Lebanon, I know what war is, and I can tell you that there's nothing more beau-tiful than this. I didn't believe it would work out so well."

Eran Regev, who carried a pistol, said that he would have preferred to work under the Israeli flag, but that he had no

"The Jordanians are good good peace, it's security."

people," he said. "They aren't creating any difficulties. I hope it continues this way."

Lieutenant Mohammed Abu Salman, a Jordanian liaison officer, said that the transition to normal relations was quick because the border with Israel had been quiet for years.

"At first it was strange, because before we had only seen the Israelis through a feace and couldn't talk to them." he said. But there was no real war here — no problems, just political and security restrictions. It was

The land at Zofar that was returned to Jordan had been cultivated by Israel during de-cades in which the border between the two countries was marked only by a cease-fire line drawn after the 1948 Arab-Is-

"This was no land of our forefathers," said Alon Kedem, a farmer from Zolar. "And even it it was, I have no problem giving it up for peace. If it's a

TRAVEL UPDATE

France Is Facing Transport Chaos

PARIS (Reuters) - Striking workers forced Air Inter, France's main domestic airline, to cancel a third of its flights Tuesday, and disruptions were expected to spread to railroad and Paris transportation systems, officials said. The airline said the strike would probably continue Wednesday and Thursday, halving its 400

Rail workers were scheduled to strike from late Wednesday through Thursday, while staff at the Paris transport authority, RATP, were also plaining to strike Thursday.

It was not clear how extensive the stoppage would be. A complete strike would create chaos for the millions of commuters who rely on the metropolitan transport system. Several areas of France were also hit by a postal strike.

Blizzards brought down power cables in Sweden on Tuesday, leaving 4,000 households without electricity, officials in Stockholm said. Power was expected to be restored to most affected houses later Tuesday, a mility official said. Traffic at the Leonardo da Vinci international simport in Rome

was disrupted Tuesday by a four-hour strike by ground staff and a 24-hour strike by customs officials, airport sources said. (AFP) Icelandair cabin staff began a three-day strike over wages Tuesday, effectively halting most international flights over the next three days, the airline said.

The Supreme Court of Romania ordered workers for the Bucharest subway Tuesday to suspend a strike for 40 days. (Reiders)

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Senate Republicans Back Centerpiece of Welfare Reform

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Senate Republicans have embraced a central element of the House's wel-fare bill, deflating the hopes of Democrats who are seeking major changes to preserve federal guarantee of cash assistance for poor people.

The chairman of the Senate Fmance Commit-

tee, Bob Packwood, said that he and other Senate Republicans supported a provision of the House bill that would replace the current program of payments to individuals with grants to states to use as they wished to assist low-income people.

"I basically like block grants," Mr. Packwood said after a Finance Committee hearing. "The time has come to let the states take a whirl at whether or not they can administer these programs better than we can if we give them

That, he said, is also the view of other Republi-

The change from guaranteed federal benefits to block grants to the states is at the heart of the sweeping welfare bill approved by the House on Friday. With his comments, Mr. Packwood appears to have increased the prospects for Senate approval of a bill to replace the nation's main cash assistance program.

The Senate has not even begun to define the contours of its bill, and there are sure to be many conflicts between the Senate and House versions. For example, there has been no indication that the Senate wants to establish a block grant for food assistance programs, as the House bill

The Republican senators said their support of block grants crystallized at a meeting with three Republican governors, Tommy G. Thompson of Wisconsin, John Engler of Michigan and Jim

can senators — an observation confirmed by several of them, including John H. Chafee of Rhode Island and Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

Edgar of Illinois. Haley Barbour, chairman of of the most profound changes in the history of the Republican National Committee, also attended the meeting.

American social policy." He added that the battended the meeting. tended the meeting.

Under current law, needy families with children are entitled to cash assistance. Under the bill approved by the House, there is no guarantee that children now entitled to cash assistance would continue to receive aid. Also, the block grants would not necessarily increase in hard times, when more people might apply for aid.

An entitlement is a legally enforceable claim upon the federal government. The House bill would eliminate the individual entitlement to cash assistance now guaranteed to more than 14 million Americans who are eligible for Aid to Families With Dependent Children.

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, the ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee, said the replacement of this entitle-

American social policy." He added that the bat-tle on this issue was just beginning. "I shall certainly try to fight it," he said of the

change. "I hope the governors will understand what is being done to them."

He said he hoped the White House would join him in this battle to preserve the entitlement status of Aid to Families With Dependent Children, which dates to 1935,

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, a liberal research and advocacy group, called the move "a rewriting of American social policy."

Republicans agree. Mr. Packwood's remarks Monday are sure to disappoint liberal Demo-crats who had been counting on the Senate to reject the idea of block grants. But the governors contend that children will fare better when state officials can design local welfare programs to ment program with block grants would be "one meet local needs, free of Washington's control.

lationship with his two chil-

dren, who lived with his former

During a conference at the bench, Ms. Clark revealed that

Nicole Simpson's diary indicat-

ed that Mr. Simpson repeatedly

failed to pick up his children for

"There was at least every oth-

er week that he was missing his

visits with the children, and that

he would schedule things,

schedule dinners to take them

to and never show up, schedule

weekends to have them and

never show up, or bring them

back earlier than scheduled."

Judge Ito questioned whether Mr. Simpson's relationship

with the children was relevant.

adding, "I don't think there is

any question that the defendant

"We don't see eye to eye on that

"Well, aren't we going far afield?" Judge Ito asked. "Lov-

ing the children is one thing. Killing the mom is something

"I don't think so," Ms. Clark

Mr. Kaelin was excused after

Rachel Ferrara, a friend of

with him on the telephone the

his testimony Tuesday.

"Really?" Ms. Clark asked.

scheduled visits.

Ms. Clark said,

loves his children."

one at all."

POLITICAL NOTES

Making Merit Count in Federal Jobs

WASHINGTON — With big layoffs predicted for many U.S. agencies. Congress and the White House are considering whether - or, more likely how - to change the last-hired-

During layoffs, federal employees with fewer than 15 years of service can be on shaky ground; those with fewer than five years on the job are most vulnerable when the cuts begin.

The administration would like to give greater weight to employee performance ratings. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee may get the ball rolling Thursday when the General Accounting Office testifies on how its cutbacks will affect women and minorities.

Getting a Grip on D.C. Government

WASHINGTON - Representative Thomas M. Davis 3d. Republican of Virginia, was planning Tuesday to introduce legislation that would transfer vast authority over the District of Columbia government to a new oversight board with the power to veto annual budgets proposed by city officials and develop spending and management plans of its own.

Despite district officials pleas for a board with narrow

powers, the bill would give the panel authority to reach deeply into the operations of city government. The proposal places blame for the city's near-insolvency squarely on local officials, implicitly rejecting Mayor Marion S. Barry Jr.'s contention that the problem stems from limits on the district's taxing power and insufficient federal aid.

The bill would establish a five-member, presidentially appointed board charged with creating a financially stable district government.

Gramm Stalks Dole's Territory

NEW YORK -- Senator Phil Gramm of Texas has carried his fledgling presidential campaign to New York City, saying he is optimistic about gathering support there even though virtually every Republican leader in New York State backs Senator Bob Dole.

Speaking to reporters Monday before a fund-raising recep-tion at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Mr. Gramm attacked Alfonse M. D'Amato, the state's Republican senator, as the driving force behind the support in New York for Mr. Dole, the Senate majority leader.

"I don't attribute this massive show of support to anyone other than A! D'Amato." Mr. Gramm said. "I think it basically shows that Al has been willing to get out and put the arm on people."

It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Mr. Gramm to get the necessary 1,250 signatures in each of the state's 31 congressional districts to be on the ballot.

A Bigger Watchdog for Congress?

WASHINGTON - The Senate is debating a new twist on efforts to curb federal regulations: a proposal to give Congress a quick opportunity to review and possibly overturn new rules as soon as they are issued by government agencies.

Offered by Senate moderates as an alternative to a yearlong freeze on most new federal regulations, an idea approved by the House last month, the proposal could come to a vote this week. If enacted, the measure would considerably increase the influence that Congress exerts over the fine details of how the laws it passes are carried out by federal agencies.

But under the proposal before the Senate, hundreds or even thousands of federal regulations would routinely be referred to Congress before taking effect.

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Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, on the idea of replacing the cash welfare program with lump-sum payments to the states: "It's been my experience in life, small things are better administered than big things, and it doesn't matter if it's



Mr. Simpson and one of his lawyers, Robert Shapiro, listening to Mr. Kaelin on Tuesday. daughter, Sydney. Mr. Simpson rule it out.

Phone Call 'Upset' Simpson Contact With Ex-Wife on Day of Murder Cited Ms. Clark also pressed Mr. Kaelin about Mr. Simpson's re-

LOS ANGELES -- O. J. event separately. Simpson spoke on the telephone with his former wife the A. Shapiro, did not deny that day she was murdered, and a Mr. Simpson spoke to his forwitness who was with Mr. mer wife, but suggested that he Simpson during the call de- could have been speaking to her scribed him as upset, a prosecu- about ticket and seating artor said in court records re- rangements for the recital. leased Tuesday.

Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark revealed earlier that cellular phone records indicate a call was made from Mr. Simpson's phone to Nicole Brown Simpson's house at 2:18 P.M. on June 12, while Mr. Simpson was at the Riviera Country Club. Mr. Simpson played golf and gin rummy there that day.

A woman at the country club will be called to testify about the four-minute phone call, Ms. Clark said, according to a transcript of the conversation with the judge at the bench.

"We have a witness who observed him on the cell phone angry, yelling," Ms. Clark told the judge and defense attor-DCVS.

Ms. Clark said the witness. who was not identified, was unclear on the time she saw Mr. Simpson speaking on the phone, but phone records show that only one call was made that afternoon. All other calls were murders, about whether he made at night, Ms. Clark said.

This was the first time the

and his former wife left that

A defense attorney, Robert

In testimony Tuesday, a limousine driver said that he did not see Mr. Simpson's Ford Bronco parked outside Mr. Simpson's estate around the time prosecutors say Mr. Simpson was committing the mur-ders 2 miles (3 kilometers) Allan Park, a Town and

Country limousine driver sent to take Mr. Simpson to the airport for a flight to Chicago, said he looked directly at the area where the white Ford Bronco was later found because he was trying to spot an address number painted on the curb. Mr. Park testified at the pre-

liminary hearing that he did not recall seeing the Bronco, but this was the first time he indicated that he specifically looked at the area where Mr. Simpson's attorneys have claimed the Bronco was parked all evening.

Earlier in Tuesday's court session, Ms. Clark pressed Brian (Kato) Kaelin, a Simpson houseguest at the time of the stood to rean financial rewards.

She asked him how much prosecution suggested that Mr. money he had made since June Simpson had any contact with 12 - \$60,000, Mr. Kaelin said his former wife on the day of -and whether he was writing a her death other than an evening book. Mr. Kaelin said he was John McCon/Agence France-Preser recital for Mr. Simpson's not at present but would not

night.

night of the slayings, was on the stand briefly after him. She corroborated his account of hearing bumps on his guest house wall at about 10:40 P.M. that

government or industry." Uh, Stick 'Em Up? Rising Amateur Bank Robberies Lack Polish of Yore

By Dirk Johnson

CHICAGO - One summer night here in 1934, the defiant John Dillinger watched his last picture show, "Manhattan Melodrama," before walking out of the Biograph Theater into a deadly hail of police bullets -- an example of the perils of robbing banks for a living.

It remains a stacked-odds career, but bank robberies in Chicago have nonetheless been soaring lately, to the record-setting pace of 51 so far this year.

Around the United States, bank holdups have more than doubled in the past decade, to nearly 9,000, although they have dropped slightly since a peak in 1991, according to the Federal Bureau of Investi-

The balf-wit schemes and clumsy banditry that mark so many of these robberies, like one slapstick pair who pulled the hold-

These are amateurs, often middle-class people in a terrible financial fix, who see the bank as the quickest way to get money," said Jay Robert Nash, a Chicago crime historian and author. "The professional bank robber is a dying breed. It's just too risky. They'd rather steal gems, art work, something with better odds."

Michael Connelly, a Chicago police serseant, speculated that the growing number of bank branches was providing new targets for robbers:

"A lot of these branches have only a few people working in them," said Mr. Connelly, "and often they have no armed securi-

There are more than 53,000 bank branches in the United States, up from about 41,000 in 1984, according to the American Banking Association.
But plenty of big banks have also been

targets, like the Burning Bank in the Loop

up but forgot the loot, would embarrass a professional crook.

have surmised that this was not a good day man who slipped a note to a teller: "This is a gesture of solidarity with the people.

Lyon but forgot the loot, would embarrass a man who slipped a note to a teller: "This is a gesture of solidarity with the people."

Jr., who graduated from Loyola University have surmised that this was not a good day man who slipped a note to a teller: "This is a gesture of solidarity with the people." a robbery. I have a gun. Don't make me use

> After the teller filled a bag with an undisclosed amount of cash, the robber walked out of the bank, hailed a cab and

"A lot of these robbers plan to do it just once," said Robert Long, an agent with the FBI in Chicago. "But if they get away with it, they usually want to do it again. They almost always get caught. And judges are sending them to jail."

Among the most daring of crimes, bank robbery has always held a certain fascination. In the 1930s, the heyday of spectacular robberies, many people struggling through the Depression saw banks as ruthless oppressors and often cheered the ex-ploits of Dillinger, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, and Charles (Pretty Boy Floyd) Arthur, who often destroyed mort-

But criminal experts say modern-day robbers hardly fit the swashbuckling profile, if robbers ever did.

"Mostly, they're just mopes," said Mr. Long, who estimated that the typical bank robbery nets less than \$2,500 and that three in four robbers are ultimately caught. "And who was Dillinger? A guy with an eighth grade education who got shot to

In one recent case, Russell Nash, 22, told the authorities that he had robbed a bank in suburban Oak Park to get money to repay a college loan. Not only did he lack a getaway car, but also a get-to car. He took a bus to the bank robbery.

He was arrested moments afterward, holding a revolver that he said was broken and \$3,000.

John P. Hunter Sr., a businessman who lived in the prosperous northwestern Chicago suburbs, and his son, John P. Hunter

According to the lawsuit,

high-ranking men employees

with a degree in accounting, were a bit for a bank robbery in the Loop." more professional.

They netted about \$400,000 in 37 bank robberies before being arrested in 1993. and convicted last year. At a court appearance next month, they each facing possible sentences of more than 300 years.

But most robbers, Mr. Long said, were remarkable for their dim-wittedness. In one case, a would-be robber walked into a bank holding a brick as a weapon. He was quickly arrested by security guards. In another case, a robber scheduled his job at a Loop bank, oblivious to the well-publicized visit of President George Bush only a half-block away. As he fled the bank, he ran straight into the swarms of the police on hand for the presi-

"I guess when he was planning his robbery, he neglected to check the newspapers or the radio," Mr. Long said, "or he would

And the two robbers who forgot their loot: After holding up a Milwaukee bank they switched to a second getaway car. leaving their money and guns behind. The

prints, and they were quickly caught. Despite its flurry of robberies this year, Chicago scarcely ranks as the capital of bank holdups. Los Angeles leads the nation (about 2,000 banks were robbed there in its peak year of 1992) and bank robberies are higher in the West than in any other region. About 15 people a year are killed in bank robberies.

guns, of course, were covered with finger-

Nationally, bank robberies hovered around 2,000 annually in the 1970s, rose to about 3,000 a year in the early 1980s, then shot up to about 9,000 by the early 1990s. The 1991 record for bank robberies was 9,300. In 1993, the last full year for which records are available, there were about 8.800 bank robberies.

Away From Politics

The post office delivered 85 percent of local mail on time during the winter, the best showing since the agency started measuring its performance five years ago. The Postal Service's performance standard calls for overnight delivery within varying distances of each major city. A judge has given South Carolina state doctors permission to

examine Susan Smith and recommend within a month wheth-

er or not she is competent to stand trial for murder in the drowning deaths of her two sons in a lake. The trial is to start July 10; the prosecution is seeking the death penalty. (AP) The man who opened fire on the White House with a semiautomatic rifle in October decided to act after seeing visions of a mist hovering over the president's mansion, a psychiatrist told a federal court jury in Washington, Francisco Martin Duran, 26, is a paranoid schizophrenic who be-lieved the mist would gain control over President Bill Clin-ton's thinking and lead him to do things that would cause

worldwide devastation, the doctor said. • Hours after Maryland's highest court allowed one of the nation's strictest smoking bans to take effect, the governor signed into a law a compromise bill that creates major exceptions, including allowing smoking in taverns, motels and

hotels and most restaurants. • The first woman pilot in the U.S. space program, Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, canceled what was to have been a triumphant homecoming in Elmira, New York, after someone called the local newspaper and threatened to kill her. The anonymous caller gave no indication of a motive. (AP)

e Two teenage cousins were charged in Bartow, Florida, with felony cruelty to animals and grand theft in the beating death of an ostrich. Police traced them through sneaker tracks. The youths allegedly beat the 10-month-old bird, valued at \$7,000. with a wooden tool handle at an ostrich farm.

 A paroled killer has been charged with murder in New York, the second such charge filed against Reginald McFadden since the governor of Peansylvania commuted his life sentence for a 1969 murder in July. He was also charged with the rape of a third New Yorker. The latest victim was found by a boy fishing in a pond.

Lawsuit Accuses Civil Rights Group of Sexual Discrimination whose members were typically Chavis also was accused of fi-paid as much as 50 percent nancial mismanagement. By Toni Locy Ington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Two women employees of the NAACP have filed a class-ac-tion lawsuit against the civil rights organization, accusing it of perpetuating a pattern of sexual discrimination against women professional employees.

Stephanie Rones, 37, of the District of Columbia, and Barbara Cogoins, 42, of Illinois, brought the action as an amended complaint to a lawsuit Ms. Rones originally filed in February in Superior Court. Earlier this month, the case was transferred to U.S. District Court in Washington.

The amended complaint alleges that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was run by a group of men, "a boy's club,"

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often referred to women as "bitches," "troublemakers" and "snitches" if they complained A string of legal actions have been taken by former women about their treatment. NAACP employees. Last year, "By joining forces, the two women hope to get the NAACP disclosures about sexual mis-conduct led to the dismissal of to focus attention on their long-

the director, Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., who arranged to pay standing grievances," according Mary E. Stansel, a former em-ployee, \$332,400 in organiza-tion funds to settle a sex dis-crimination complaint. Mr. new leadership at the NAACP

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senior management, conducted in English by Professor Michael Tushman of INSEAD & COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Paris: May 5, 1995

done to come to terms with the brain drain and gross misuse of women talent at the NAACP."

the organization, its former

Rasheed. It also names Mr. The suit names as defendants director, Lewis Myers.

will address the gender issue, chairman of the board William U.S. District Court, who has both women contend that noth- Gibson; the acting executive di- been assigned the case, will deing significant has yet been rector, Earl Shinhoster, and the cide later whether to allow it to acting deputy director. Fred proceed as a class action.

Ms. Rones, a former assistant Chavis and the former deputy general counsel for the director, Lewis Myers. NAACP, has accused Mr. My-Judge Stanley S. Harris of ers of pressuring her for sex.

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Cult Is Suspected of Trying to Build Biological Weapons



Members of Aum Shinrikyo being barred by the police from a sect building under inspection Tuesday in Kamikuishki.

pected of being responsible for lion people, the newspaper said. the poison gas attack in the To-

Aum Shinrikyo sect reportedly Aum Shinrikyo facilities. confiscated bacteria-production materials and a germ, a firmed that the solvent was type of botulinus that can pro- among 40 kinds of chemicals

duce a deadly toxin. Based on those seizures, the newspaper Mainichi Shimbun said, officials think the sect may have been trying to produce biological weapons in addition to sarin nerve gas. Sarin was used in the Tokyo attack.

The newspaper Asahi Shim-bun reported that the police had found equipment for the production of bacteria, including nutrients, at the Aum complex in Kamikuishiki, a village 100 kilometers (60 miles) southwest of Tokyo.

Some pharmacentical companies use bouilinus for experiments, and there is information that a company affiliated with the sect bought huge amounts of botulinus from such a firm, Mainichi Shimbun reported. The bacteria involved is the same or similar to that which can cause food poisoning.

In nature, there are eight different types of botulinus, of which three are related to food poisoning, Mainichi reported.

One gram of poison produced TOKYO — Japanese investi-gators believe that the cult sus-could theoretically kill 17 mil-

kyo subway last week also may the same kind of solvent that have been trying to produce was mixed with the deadly sarin biological weapons, Japanese nerve gas used in the attack on news media reported Tuesday. the Tokyo subway system had Police raiding a facility of the also been seized in raids on

Chemical analysis has conconfiscated from the sect's complex in Kamikuishiki. NHR Television reported Monday. The solvent and sarin were in heavy plastic bags wrapped in newspapers left in five places on the subway, NHK said.

■ Russia Acts Against Cult

A Moscow court has frozen assets and confiscated property from Russian branches of Aum Shinrikyo, Renters reported from Moscow on Tuesday. quoting justice officials.

A Moscow district court temporarily closed down the sect's operations Monday after the group's Japanese leader, Shoko Asahara, broadcast an appeal to believers to be ready for

A court statement signed by Judge Irina Vorobyova said that the the court was suspending the sect's Russian branches to protect "the life and health of Russian citizens belonging to these religious organizations."

BRIEFLY ASIA

Violent Protest in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh - At least 50 people were hurt Tuesday by rubber bullets and tear gas as nearly 5,000 people protested outside Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's office.

Violence broke out after university students tried to run over barbed wire barricades that the police had crected to enforce a 24-hour ban on demonstrations in central Dhaka, the site of most government offices. As dozens of small crude bombs went off, the police fired the rubber bullets and tear gas shells to push the demonstrators back.

Opposition parties have campaigned to remove Mrs. Zia for more than a year, accusing her of being inefficient and corrupt. Most of the 154 opposition lawmakers have quit the 330-scat Parliament.

China Calls for Release of Boats

BEIJING - China demanded Tuesday that Manila release five Chinese fishing boats and their crews arrested by the Philippine Navy in waters around the disputed Spratly is-

The Foreign Ministry said China held indisputable authority over the Sprattys and their waters in the South China Sea, despite the rival claims by the Philippines and four other

Fishermen aboard the five boats seized in the last few days have said they believed they were in Chinese waters. They denied that they had deliberately violated territory claimed by the Philippines.

South Korea Fires Own Missile

SEOUL — South Korea has test-fired a missile developed with its own technology for the first time, a Defense Ministry

official said Tuesday. The short-range surface-to-air missile is designed to inter-cept low-flying enemy planes, said the official, speaking on

The missile, the Chomna hit its low-flying target after being fired from a launching pad, the official said. He declined to give further details, including when and where the condition of anonymity.

firing had been conducted. The launching of the missile is part of Seoul's efforts to reduce its dependence on U.S.-made missiles and other weap-

India Takes Over Rivals' State

NEW DELHI - The Indian government took direct control of the opposition-ruled state of Bihar on Tuesday, provoking protests that paralyzed the national Parliament.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's cabinet announced the move as the last phase of elections to the Bihar legislature The five-year term of the Bihar assembly expired March 15.

An official spokesman said the direct rule was necessary because election results would not be known before March 31 and the caretaker Janata Dal government would not be able to authorize spending for April. (AFP)

For the Record

Japan has issued a visa to the Dahi Lama, the Tibetan spiritual leader, who is expected to arrive in Tokyo on Wednesday despite warnings from Beijing that the visit could hart Chinese-Japanese ties, an official said Tuesday. (AFP)

The Burmese government branded its opponent Khun Sa a "narcotic-trafficking terrorist." Thesday and said he faced the death penalty if captured. Officials said in Rangoon that the Burmese Army was making progress in a month-old offensive against Khun Sa and his ethnic Shan forces in northeast

VOICES From Asia

Tasaka Takagaki, president of the Bank of Tokyo, on the merger agreement with Mitsubishi Bank Ltd: "In the last everal vears, fina been changing rapidly. Coping with this was a major reason for seeking the merger."

Colonel Kyaw Win, the deputy chief of Burmese military intelligence, on the continued detention of the opposition politician Daw Aung San Sun Kyi: "We do not intend to keep her detained indefinitely, and when the time is right we shall set her free."

Zhou Yong, deputy director of the entertainment department of the Chinese Ministry of Culture, on the International Advisory Council to Evaluate Gaming and Entertainment Development in China, which gaming industry lawyers and operators are setting up in Hong Kong: "Gambling is absolutely forbidden in China. Even so, if this organization has international experience in this area, we would like to talk to

Manila Exhumes Slain Maid's Body

Forensic Evidence Could Deepen Dispute Over Case

MANILA - A murdered woman's corpse was exhumed Tuesday, and initial findings by Philippine forensic experts could deepen the controversy over the hanging by Singapore of a Filipino maid who confessed to the killing. Experts from the National Bureau of Inves-

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tigation dug up the skeleton of Delia Maga and immediately subjected it to tests to find out how she had died. Miss Maga was working as a maid in Singapore in 1991 when she and her ward, a Singaporean boy, were murdered.

A fellow Filipino maid, Flor Contemplacion, who confessed to the double murder, was hanged in Singapore on March 17, triggering widespread protests in the Philippines where she was widely perceived to be innocent and a victim of a frame-up.

Initial tests on Miss Maga's remains sug-gested that "our findings will be different

from that of the Singaporeans," said Maximo Reyes, a senior forensic expert with the National Bureau of Investigation.

He did not say what the findings were or in what way they would differ from the results of an autopsy in Singapore that concluded that Miss Maga had been strangled to death.

President Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines has threatened to sever relations with Singapore if the inquiry shows that Mrs. Contemplacion was a victim of injustice. He also said that the Philippines was ready to repatri-ate any of the 70,000 Filipino maids working in Singapore who wished to return.

A Philippine Air Force C-130 transport plane flew to Singapore on Monday night to begin the airlift, but by Tuesday evening only 88 Filipino maids had enlisted for repatriation, according to the Philippine Embassy in

A Euthanasia Milestone in Japan

In Finding Doctor Guilty, Judge Sets Mercy-Death Rules of potassium chloride into a the time was employed by To-

TOKYO —A Japanese court on Tuesday established for the first time a patient's right to choose death when it laid down explicit conditions under which enthanasia is legally permissi-

In a closely watched ruling, the Yokohama District Court found a doctor who gave a lethal injection to a terminally ill cancer patient in April 1991 guilty of murder and gave him a two-year suspended prison sen-

It was the first criminal trial of a physician for a mercy kill-

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cancer patient, the court laid down four guidelines that acknowledge the possibility of legal cuthanasia.

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Taiwan to Scale Back Its Army The army already has

duce its army from 240,000 to 200,000 in the next two years in an effort to improve standards and cut costs, Defense Ministry officials said Tuesday.

The cut will mean the army will make up less than 60 percent of the entire armed forces, the officials said. It is now percent of the total, and the average for most countries is 70 per-

In the United States, less than 60 percent of all forces are is 64.3 percent, in Germany spend nearly 67.3 percent, and in China 82.6. to buy arms.

240,000 in the past two years under an earlier program.

Defense Minister Chiang Chung-ling has said more military hardware was needed to strengthen the island's defense capability and maintain securi-

Taiwan has listed a defense budget of 247.1 billion Taiwanese dollars (\$9.5 billion) for the new fiscal year, starting July 1, an increase of 4.3 percent over in the army. The ratio in Japan the current year. It plans to spend nearly 60 billion dollars

SEOUL - North Korea has proposed that South Korea be allowed a limited role in a U.S. plan to supply it with new nuclear reactors, officials said Tuesday.

Negotiations on which country would build the reactors stalled in Berlin on Monday.

An official of the South Korean Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that the North's proposal calls for the main contractor to be American, while South Korean companies could take part in a limited capacity. "It is true that North Korea has offered

an alternative proposal," the official said. "After analyzing this proposal, however, we found that it still contains North Korea's intention to rule out South Korea's role as the main contractor," the official

The Berlin talks adjourned after Washington and Pyongyang failed to agree on light-water who should build reactors promised to the April 21.

North in return for freezing elements of its nuclear program.

The official in Seoul said, "This alterna-

Seoul Says North Makes New Reactor Offer

tive proposal is unrealistic."
Other officials here said the North had insisted on a U.S. company as the main contractor despite the fact that Seoul would shoulder most of the financial bur-den, estimated at \$4 billion.

The Foreign Ministry official stressed that Seoul did not feel the U.S.-North Korea talks had broken down, and that it would continue trying to urge the North to accept its reactors.

Another senior official noted that North

Korea did not repeat its threat to reactivate its laboratory reactor in Yongbyon. Pyongyang had threatened to refuel the five-megawatt reactor, which produces plutonium, a key ingredient for atomic veapons, if the agreement to supply safer light-water reactors was not signed by

North Korea and the United States igned an agreement in Geneva in October that defused a crisis over the North's nuclear facilities.

Under the agreement, North Korea was promised two 1,000-megawatt reactors, fuel for electricity and a move toward better ties with Washington. The Geneva agreement stipulates that both sides are to make their best efforts to sign the reactor supply agreement by April 21. North Korea has hinted that the dead-line is not as immovable as it once insisted.

The South Korean official said that Seoul would start consultations with the United States and Japan to analyze the North's tactics at the Berlin talks.

In another development, a delegation from Japan's ruling coalition arrived in Pyongyang on Tuesday for a three-day visit aimed at seeking ways to resume talks on normalizing bilateral ties. (AFP,AP)

Cyanide Find Prods Malaysia to Act on Toxic Waste

KUALA LUMPUR -- The dumping at a resort of enough lethal cyanide to kill 7 million people has exposed Malaysia's lax laws on hazardous chemicals, analysts said Tuesday.

Without adequate safeguards and proper toxic waste disposal facilities, Malaysia could become a dump for dirty or dangerous waste from foreign in-

analysts said.

Chemical Act, which has been in the the works for at least three years, should be quickly put into effect, said Yeoh Keat Chye, secretary of the Chemical Industry Council of Malaysia.

"The act will trace chemicals from cradic to grave through proper documentation and licensing of parties handling the dustries, chemical industry chemicals so that the movement of chemicals from importers to

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The proposed Industrial users could be tracked," Mr. state named by the government Yeoh said . He said the act would encom-

pass all hazardous chemicals not covered under existing laws. Responding to the outcry set off by the discovery of cyanide in northern Pangkor Island last week, Environment Minister Law Hieng Ding said the cabi-net on Wednesday would dis-

toring mechanism for industrial chemicals. Forty-one 50 kilogram (110pound) drums of potassium cyanide were found dumped on the island off northern Perak state after thousands of fish at a nearby farm died.

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as the culprit, could be fined up to 10,000 ringgit (\$4,000) and sentenced to two years in jail if convicted_ The Poisons Act provides for

another 5,000 ringgit line and two years in jail. Analysts said the cyanide dumping could be just the tip of the toxic iceberg."

"A catastrophe has been averted only because of pure luck and nothing else. V.K. Chin, editorial adviser of the local Star tabloid, wrote Tuesday. "There are still many questions left unanswered."

Environmentalists have demanded that the company be The owner of Chemian, a charged with attempted murcompany in northern Penang der,

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NATO Chief Is III and Delays Trip

BRUSSELS — Willy Claes, the beleaguered chief of
NATO, on Tuesday postponed a visit to Turkey and Greece
because he was stricken with influenza, sources at the alliance
said.

The sources said that Mr. Claes had made the decision on the advice of his doctors and that the postponement was not linked to speculation that he would soon have to resign his NATO post over his role in a murky corruption scandal in Belgium. Mr. Claes, 56, was due to fly to Turkey on Wednes-

day and visit Greece on Thursday and Friday. Switzerland, meanwhile, has agreed to lift banking secrecy to allow Belgian investigators to check accounts linked to the

Belgium Seeks to Be EU-India Link

NEW DELHI — Belgium, eager to cash in on expanding business opportunities in India, offered Tuesday to serve as an intermediary between the European Union and New Delhi as they thrash out trade issues.

Belgium's trade minister, Robert Urbain, said Brussels was well placed geographically and politically to serve as a conduit for India's concerns, including Western attempts to curb

"Almost all the delegations in contact with the European Union have bilateral contacts with us," he said at a news conference. "We can play an intermediary role." (Reuters)

Britain May Join Weapons Agency LONDON - France and Germany have offered to allow

Britain to join a proposed French-German arms procurement agency as a founding member, the Financial Times reported

If it is permitted to join as an equal partner, the newspaper said. Britain has offered to put the management of billions of pounds' worth of weapons contracts under the agency's control. At a meeting of European defense ministers in Park on Thursday, François Leotard of France and Volker Ruhe of Germany said their countries intended to press ahead with plans for a joint procurement agency. In a shift from their previous position, however, they invited Britain to join as a founding member, the paper said.

Portugal Assailed by Its President

LISBON - President Mário Soures of Portugal accused his center-right government Tuesday of failing to present a policy on the European Union.

"Until now the government has not announced its plans. Until now we have not been given an indication of the great causes and options at stake, and what the position of the government is," Mr. Soares said at a conference on the EU. "I think that I should not be the first person to speak on these issues," he said, adding that the government of Prime Minister Auibal Cavaco Silva should be taking the lead in

presenting policies on Europe.

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: BRUSSELS: The European Commission meets to discuss the Union's relations with Africa as well as the annual report

BRUSSELS: Sir Leon Brittan, the trade commissioner. and Christos Papoutsis, the energy and small-business commissioner, meet the U.S. undersecretary of state for arms

control and international security affairs. Lynn E. Davis. BRUSSELS: Padraig Flynn, commissioner for employment, and Monika Wulf-Mathies, commissioner for regional policy, meet Prime Minister John Bruton of Ireland. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

Turkey Plays Down **Criticism of Assault**

Army Controls a Kurd Area

down that move, saying:

governmental or parliamentary

decision to suspend the aid.

Neither have there been any

ment on this issue."

Turkey.

said Tuesday.

kurk region, he added.

There has been no German

ANKARA - Turkey on Tuesday sought to minimize concerns from the United States and Germany over the Turkish assault on Kurdish re-

be! bases in northern Iraq. Also Tuesday, Turkish army officials said they had achieved their initial objectives against the separatist Kurds and controlled a Kurdish region.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ferhat Ataman, said of the growing U.S. unease. "We don't see it as any different from the initial reaction in which they have said they would like the operation to be of limited duration and scope."

The U.S. secretary of state, Warren M. Christopher, voiced concern Monday against an extended incursion and about reported attacks on civilians.

"I sent a message to both the prime minister and the foreign minister telling them that we were concerned about the passage of time, concerned about reports we have had with respect to human rights violations," Mr. Christopher told re-

Foreign Minister Klaus Kin-kel of Germany and other European Union ministers had criticized the Turkish action from the start. On Monday, Bonn said it had temporarily frozen grants it had promised to give Turkey for the purchase of German Ingates.

Toll Rises to 36 In Turkish Mine

ANKARA - The death tol! from a coal mine blast in Turkey rose to 36 on Tuesday, the

Anatolian News Agency said.

The agency said 21 bodies were prought to the surface Tuesday from the mine in Sorgun, a fown about 160 kilometers (100 miles) east of Ankara. ation Thursday to evacuate

An explosion, perhaps some of the 3,000 Turkish Kurd caused by methane gas, caused refugees still caught in the batthe mine to cave in Sunday. One the zone. On Sunday, the agency miner was still missing and 10 evacuated 1,400 refugees. workers were injured.

Bosnian Foes Battle On, Ignoring International Pleas

nian Army and Serbian forces battled on through wintry weather Tuesday, ignoring inter-national and United Nations pleas for a halt in have gone unheeded.

the combat. "It is our understanding both parties continue to opt for the military option," said a UN

spokesman, Alexander Ivanko. He said in Sarajevo that both sides were refusing to meet and were setting numerous condi-tions for attending talks with the United Nations on rescuing a four-month-old cease-fire that was shattered by a Bosnian Army offensive last week.

The United Nations says that the eight-day offensive has won the Bosnian Army ground in the Majevica Hills to the east of Tuzla and on Vlasic Mountain near the central Bosnian town of Travnik, a government stronghold.

Swedish peacekeepers reported artillery duels between Bosnian Serbian troops and government forces Tuesday in the Majevica region, as both sides battled across snowy ground to secure control of a key communication facility.

The Muslim-led Bosnian Army says that government troops have surrounded the Stolice relay station, which controls telephone traffic and lay station, which controls telephone traffic and television signals across much of the north of the country, and that its hopes to persuade the Bosnian Serbian garrison at the station to surrender of Bosnia's prewar population. it intact.

The Bosnian Serbian news agency, SRNA, said that Serbian soldiers had strengthened their positions in the Majevica area and that telephone and television links through Stolice had been

Fighting also continued on the Vlasic Plateau, Russia has the United Nations said, although restrictions on of sanctions.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The Bosity to report on battlefield gains and losses, UN

International calls for a halt to the fighting

The five-nation "Contact Group," struggling . to find a diplomatic solution to the nearly threeyear Bosnian conflict, voiced concern at the deteriorating situation after a meeting in Londonon Monday.

Officials from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States agreed to keep up efforts to bring the warring parties to the negoti-

Shrugging off pleas to order a halt to the fighting, the Bosnian president, Alija Izethegovic, said Monday that Belgrade must recognize his country and that the Sosnian Serbs must be Control George's agent plan before accept the Contact Group's peace plan before peace talks can be restarted.

His government contends that it must fight to regain some of the 70 percent of Bosnia held by rebel Serbs because the international community will not force them to surrender territory.

The Bosnian Serbs have refused to discuss the

The Contact Group has been pursuing a twopronged policy to end the war, trying to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan and encouraging rump Yugoslavia to recognize the independence of Bosnia and Croatia in exchange for an end to international sanctions.

Russia has been trying to speed up the lifting

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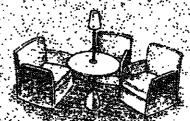
Bosnian Serbs helping a comrade wounded in shelling Tuesday on Mount Majevica.

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Killings 'Will Not Silence Us,' A Special Edition Declares

by fundamentalists, 16 national edition Tuesday that declared, security forces. "You will not silence us!"

page for each of the dailies, was surgency that began when the titled El Moudjahid, after the military-backed government newspaper whose chief editor canceled January 1992 elections was shot and killed Monday in the Islamic Salvation Front was an ambush in an eastern Algiers

No one took immediate responsibility for the slaying of jahid vowed.

Sullied Reservoir Cuts Algiers Flow

TUNIS - Algerian authorities cut off supplies of water to ic Front had been moved be the capital, Algiers, and sur-from prison to house arrest. rounding areas Tuesday after a maior reservoir became contaminated, the official Algerian 12-year prison terms for antipress agency, APS, reported.

The agency quoted the Health and Population Ministry as saying Kaddara reservoir had been contaminated by accidental "leakages of hydrocarbons." It did not say whether the hydrocarbons were oil or

The Algerian domestic water utility, in a radio message, called on the inhabitants of Cheraga, Douera, Khraicia and Ain Allah districts not to use their water supplies.

PARIS - René Allio, 71, a

painter, decorator and film-

maker whose movies reflected

his kinship with ordinary folk,

from a "long illness," the term

in France for cancer, according

to the Society of Film Direc-

said, "are paintings that move."

He is best noted for his first

Old Woman), which was made

in 1964 from a short story by

His movies mainly portrayed

antiheroes, ordinary people seeking to escape their desti-

curriculum at the facility." In a

similar, if more traditional vein,

Bob Dole, the Kansas Republi-

can who was then the Senate

minority leader, arranged for an

earmark of \$11 million for the

U.S. Army to purchase more

executive jets from a Kansas

corporation that produces Lear

"It's like a disease," Mr.

As budget rules have limited

McCain said. "It's never static.

small, nonmilitary spending bills, the annual defense appro-

priation bill increasingly has been viewed as a bank of last

resort for lawmakers' pet pro-

The Bureau of Land Manage-

ment, for example, used to round up the wild horses that

It gets worse or you kill it."

Mr. Allio had been suffering

died Monday.

Bertold Brecht.

René Allio, Filmmaker

And Painter, Dies at 71

Mr. Alliot, who was born in HAMBURG (AP) — Hanns-Marseille in 1924, spent years as Joachim Friedrichs, 68, a Ger-

a painter, decorator and theater man foreign correspondent and

director before trying his hand television anchor, died of can-at filmmaking. Movies, he once cer on Tuesday, his former em-

full-length film, "La Vieille ARD's late evening news show, Dame Indigne" (The Indignant Tagesthemen, from 1985 to

PORK: The Military's Goodie Bag

Mohammed Abderrahmani, ALGIERS - Protesting the but suspicion fell on Muslim assassinations of 30 journalists militants, who have targeted reporters, intellectuals and fornewspapers published a joint eigners as well as officials and

More than 30,000 people The paper, which reserved a have died in the 3-year-old inexpected to win.

Terrorism will not make us bend," an editorial in El Moud-

"Algerian journalists today are faced with a terrible challenge: Give in or resist," the head of El Watan, Omar Bel-

Meanwhile, an Arabic-lan-guage newspaper distributed in estern capitals reported that the two top leaders of the Islamic Front had been moved back

Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj, sentenced in June 1991 to aced in separate residences, Al Hayat reported without cit-

Mr. Madani was placed in a residence in Douera, 15 kilometers (9 miles) southwest of Algiers, the paper said, the same place former President Ahmed ben Bella was lodged after a 1965 military coup.

aters in the Paris region, and

with established architects,

helped conceive the interior of

the Natural History Museum's

new zoology gallery, which

Hanns-Joachim Friedrichs,

68, a German TV Anchor

HAMBURG (AP) - Hanns-

television anchor, died of can-

Mr. Friedrichs anchored

Tagesthemen, from 1985 to

1991 and helped transform

German television news from

the static reading of scripts to

the American-style anchorman

system, with live correspondent

style of reading the news.

reports and a more engaged

missile range. But the agency discontinued the program last

year because it was too expen-

sive, said a spokesman for Sena-

tor Pete V. Domenici, Republi-

and Representative Joe Skeen,

Republican of New Mexico and

a member of the House Appro-

priations Committee, collabo-

pick up the slack, the spokes-

to have \$20 million added to the

military bill for an additional neutron accelerator project at

the Los Alamos Laboratory in

his state, after money appropri-

ated in the energy spending bill

"There was no other place to

ran out last year.

And Mr. Domenici arranged

can of New Mexico.

opened last year in Paris.

Mr. Belhadj was moved to a residence in Tipaza, a coastal town 60 kilometers west of the capital, Al Hayat said.



Three sons of Mohammed Abderrahmani, the slain El Moudjahid editor, carrying his portrait at his funeral Tuesday.

government activity, were EU, have often complained of the financial impact of the sanctions already imposed on Libya on all North African econ-

> "They are close neighbors to us to whom we have to listen," the official said. "I think on this one there are widely differing interests between us and the United States

> In addition, Arab diplomats said, some key allies of the United States in the Arab world, including Egypt, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, are likely to stand firmly against the notion of further expanding oil embar-

goes in the Middle East.

"To gather all these forces behind an embargo is a formidable undertaking that who is an international consultant based in Geneva, said Tuesday.

"There are already nagging questions about the wisdom of continuing with oil export sanctions imposed on Iraq since 1990 and a controversy over banning oil deals with Iran," Mr. Ait-Laoussine said. "In hindsight, I'd say the success of United States to line up that much international support to ban Iraqi oil from world markets more than four years ago was some-

thing of a unique circumstance."

At the moment, UN sanctions in force ban civilian flights to and from Libya, forcing travelers to drive hundreds of miles to leave by land borders with Egypt or Tunisia. The country is also forbidden from acquiring a range of machinery and

But international oil companies are continuing to make deals. A consortium of European companies made up of Repsol of Spain, Total of France and OMV of Austria signed a \$1 billion deal to develop the Murzuk oil field in southwestern Libya in October 1994. It would eventually produce 200,000 barrels a day. But such a move could only take place with the sanc-tion of countries in which the companies are based

"I think there will be fierce resistance from Mediterranean companies to any new embargoes in oil on Libya or anyone else," said Christian Weyer, a multinational banker who specializes in funding oil

OIL: U.S. Calls for UN Embargo on Libya Are Rejected by Industry Leaders

that would make it difficult to go along."

is not an easy feat today," Nordine Ait-

Laoussine, Algeria's former oil minister technologies, though it can sell its oil to Europe.

ditionally support the United Nations are Mr. Allio helped design the-

drumming their fingers. In a March 21 speech, Lee H. Hamilton of Indiana pointed to the lack of reports from Mr. Paschke as proof that another round of UN management reforms had failed.

But Mr. Paschke said his pace is deliber-

"I didn't want to fall prey to the lure of doing something spectacular at the beginning," he said. The work of this office should not be to go for the big kill."
"It's wrong to perceive of us as the gotcha' outfit that only acts when some kind of problem arises," he added.

Instead, he said, he wants to put UN employees on notice that one of his auditors could drop in on them at any time, to establish a "constant deterrent" that will

nave a "cus "I need a little time," he said. Member governments were so edgy about creating Mr. Paschke's job that they refused to call him an inspector, giving him

instead the title of undersecretary-general for internal oversight services. When he took over, Mr. Paschke said, he discovered UN offices were audited in rotation, each one only about once every six years.

Now he is deploying his inspectors in an

UN: As Corruption Cop Walks New Beat, Politicians Track His Every Move

unpredictable pattern to add an element of surprise. He posted permanent auditors in the big UN peacekeeping missions like Bosnia and Haiti. On Feb. 28 he issued guidelines ordering department heads to meet fixed deadlines for complying with his auditors' recommendations. In the past internal audits were routinely filed and

forgotten.
Mr. Paschke has a staff of about 100 not nearly enough, he says — to monitor about 15,000 UN personnel worldwide. He wants at least a 25 percent increase by 1997. But he could get caught in a stalemate: He cannot get more staff if Washington does not pay its UN bills, but Congress wants to hold up payments because he does not have enough staff.

What he needs most, the German said, is trained investigators to handle financial tions sent a group of auditors to a course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia. But, he said, "There is no investigations culture at the United Nations, I have to create it."

Republican lawmakers want to be sure the United States will know when Mr. Paschke uncovers wasteful practices. But he has said only that he will decide when one of his reports is significant enough for "the protection of UN assets" to merit

BANK: Mitsubishi and Bank of Tokyo to Combine Forces in 'Superbank'

publication. Under the rules written by the General Assembly, Mr. Paschke sends his reports first to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, not directly to governments. But the secretary-general is not allowed to alter or suppress the findings.

Mr. Paschke's team is working on reports on management confusion in the Human Rights Center in Geneva and looking into charges raised by a former U.S. ambassador, Frank Ruddy, about inefficiencies in the peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara.

Reports are "something on which the U.S. Mission sometimes shows an impatience I really don't understand," Mr. Paschke said, "If they want me to do work that is professionally reliable, I can't do it in a superficial way.

vide tips. He set up confidential fax and phone lines, but he openly discourages anonymous complaints. This stems in part from his experience as the chief administrator of the German foreign service during the traumatic melding of Eastern and Western ministries that had previously been adversaries.

Where I come from, anonymous accusations are considered irresponsible," he

Another controversial point is the proction he gives whistle-blowers who proide tins. He set up confidential fax and Former Mayor of Nice **Plans to Plead Not Guilty**

Army Talks Tough About East Timor

Indonesia General Vows to Act

On Unrest as UN Session Nears

Agence France-Presse

sian Army has vowed to take

tough action to stamp out any attempt to undermine stability

before new talks on the disput-

ed territory of East Timor, the

Antara press agency reported

General Ruchiatna is chief of

the Udayana Military Com-

mand, based in Bali, which cov-

ers the troubled former Portu-

guese colony that was annexed

He said security would be stepped up before United Na-

tions talks on East Timor that

are to be held in Salzburg, Aus-

sponsible persons trying to create situations to influence and

attract the attention of the in-

ternational community," the re-

port quoted him as saying.

The so-called All-Inclusive

Intra-East Timorese Dialogue

is to include representatives of

exiled East Timorese communi-

ty groups as well as those resi-

deat in Indonesia and the dis-

The United Nations also has

organized a meeting among In-donesia, Portugal and the UN

secretary-general in New York

The talks are part of an at-

tempt by the United Nations,

which still recognizes Portugal as the legal administrator, to

find a permanent solution to

A Western observer said General Ruchiatna's comments

showed that the Indonesian

military believed unrest could

be put down with a military

rather than a political ap-

"I think the watchwords in

Sources say the East Timor-

Reports from East Timor say late-night harassment by gangs, which are widely believed to be

organized by the government's

the coming months will be dis-

cipline, control and closer su-

pervision," the observer said.

ese clandestine network sees the two sets of talks as opportuni-

ties for protests.

East Timor's status.

We must be alert to any irre-

by Indonesia in 1976.

tria, on April 24.

puted enclave.

on May 19.

JAKARTA - The Indone-

internal intelligence body, has stopped since the territory was

put under greater central mili-tary control. The gangs activi-

ties were highlighted after the

Antara also said a member of

Indonesia's National Human

ed the military by saying the six people killed in a village in the

district of Liquiza near Dili

were noncombatant civilians

who were intimidated and tor-

According to reports, the Hu-

man Rights Commission's full

findings are expected to say there is strong evidence to suggest the six were lined up by a ditch and summarily executed.

While a full military report is

expected next month, the army,

in its preliminary findings, al-ready has conceded that there

were some violations of proce-

Beijing Snuffs

Ritual Burning

BEUING - China has

barred residents of Beijing

from burning paper money for the dead during this

year's Tomb Sweeping fes-

tival, when families tradi-

tionally honor their ances-

tors, the Beijing Daily said

Chinese custom holds

that burning "hell bank-notes" in memory of a de-

ceased relative helps to en-

sure a comfortable afterlife.

China's Communist leaders

have banned the practice as

a superstitions fire hazard,

the newspaper said.
The ban was intended to

ensure safety in columbar-

iuma eradicate feudalistic

superstition, reform funeral

customs and promote the construction of a more civi-

lized capital," it said. It gave no details of punish-

ments for offenders or of

any fires caused by burning

paper money.

tured before being killed.

killing of six civilians

GRENOBLE, France - The former mayor of Nice, Jacques Médecin, goes on trial here Wednesday on the first of several counts of corruption. Mr. Medecin, 66, ruled Nice

for 24 years, after succeeding his father, who was mayor for 38 years. He fled to Latin America in 1990, saying he was a victim of persecution by the then-Socialist French government, as investigating judges closed in on him.

Mr. Médecin's lawyer, Jean-Marc Varant, said his client would plead not guilty to fraud charges involving the alleged di-version of subsidies from the Nice opera house.

If convicted, Mr. Médecin

francs (\$500,000) and loss of his civil rights for up to 10 years.
But even if acquitted, the former mayor will remain in prison pending a second trial on formal paris

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francs in illicit funds from a road-sign company. He also faces a retrial on charges of maladministration on which he was sentenced in absentia in 1992 to one year's imprisonment and barred for

charges of receiving 4 million

life from holding public office. In the opera affair, the former mayor is accused of siphoning off 2 million francs in 1982 from the municipal association Nice-Opera, of which he was president, by paying the money to two foreign front companies supposedly to re-

new image of the bank was necessary," said Tasuku Takagaki, president of the Bank of Tokyo. "When I was wondering sessions, and we exchanged opinions and with one of the many weaker banks suffering from a heavy burden of bad debt.

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Mr. Domenici, who chairs found we had sympathies with one another," said Tsuneo Wakai, president of Mitthe Senate Budget Committee, subishi Bank. "I found that Bank of Tokyo employees shared many things in common with our bank - but Bank of Tokyo people are more sophisticated than Mitsubirated to get the \$1.5 million put into last year's military bill to Although the executives declined to re-

veal which side initiated the deal, they suggested that they both endorsed the idea from the start. "I had come to think that a endorsed so-called "rescue" mergers that

what to do, in the chats with Mr. Wakai, I came to think that if we could work together, we could make an interesting bank."

Japan's Ministry of Finance and Fair Trade Commission both appeared to welcome the news, suggesting that they would not block the merger, which the two banks said they hoped to complete before April 1996. The Finance Ministry has recently

would bring together a strong institution

Bad real estate loans have plagued the banking industry in Japan ever since the collapse of the bubble economy depressed prices and made it impossible for many corporations to repay their loans for realestate projects. Analysts have said that problem loans in the sector - on which interest has not been paid for six months - amount to more than 13 trillion yen, or nearly \$150 billion.

faces a maximum three-year jail term, a fine of up to 2.5 million

cruit opera singers who never performed in Nice.

KHARTOUM, Sudan -Jimmy Carter has negotiated a two-month ceasefire from midnight Tuesday in the civil war that has raged for 12 years and left more than 1 million people dead in Sudan.

"The initiative by Carter is good news for all the children of south Sudan," said Daniel Kodi Angelo, the Middle East representative of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, "But we ask for international moni-

Tuesday to help Mr. Carter in his humanitarian efforts and give further impetus to the peace process." ler of annesty to southern.

Mandela Sends Message With Wife's Dismissal

strayed onto the White Sands go," a congressional aide said.

JOHANNESBURG - President Nelson Mandela's dismissal of his firebrand wife, difficult to deal with indisci-Winnie, from her government post was a belated but strong nior official openly defied him. warning that he will not tolerate opposition to his rule, commen- Monday after a string of events tators in South Africa said

"Mrs Mandela's departure is the first step in the shaking of the ANC's unwieldly base," The Star newspaper commented, and has cleared the way to "roll back the tide" of lawless-

ness in the country. Government sources told journalists in Cape Town that the president had felt under-

Israeli Leader to Visit Bonn

BONN - President Ezer Weizman of Israel will visit Germany in September, officials said Tuesday.

mined by Mrs. Mandela's persistent challenges to his government and that he had found it pline in the country while a se-

Mrs. Mandela was dismissed since January that infuriated her estranged husband, including lambasting his government in public and visiting West Africa after being ordered by Mr. Mandela to stay at home to attend an important African National Congress meeting.

The dismissal of the deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology, Business Day newspaper said, sent an "important message" to discourage other ministers from trying to

follow her example. Business Day said the president's "courageous" move would have difficult consequences for the government, the country and the ruling ANC.

Airport Linked To Smuggling New York Times Service

Iranians to Sell

The Iranian owners of a civilian airport in Germagence officials say was used to smuggle weapons and high technology to Iran, have put it up for sale after an article detailing the operation in The New York Times this month.

The Iranian owners, Mehdi Kashani and Moussa Khayer Habibollahi, who bought the Hartenholm airport in 1993 for 11 million Deutsche marks (\$6.5 million), told the provincial government of Schleswig-Holstein of the sale, German officials said. Germans associated with the airport said it would probably sell for 3 million DM to 5 million DM.

The airport, about 55 kilometers (35 miles) north of Hamburg, operated largely beyond the scrutiny of German customs authorities. Western intelligence offi-cials say it used by Iranians to smuggle arms and technology for a nuclear weapons program.

NIGERIA: Killing Field in the Southeast Also Happens to Be Rich in Oil Continued from Page 1

they have voluntarily with-

"I have made it quite clear that we are not prepared to spill one drop of blood, even for a million barrels," said Egbert Imomoh, a Shell general manager. "We are not in a hurry. are welcome."

At the same time, however, officials of Shell Nigeria say that the company's conflict with the Ogoni is spreading to other ethnic groups in the region who harbor many of the same complaints against the equipment has been sabotaged and its workers have been taken Nigeria's military govern-

ment has repeatedly denied any involvement in reported atrocities in Ogoniland, ascribing any killings to local conflicts and terrorism by the Ogoni

an Ogoni who is one of this

country's most distinguished

writers, on charges that he had

killed Ogoni leaders.

Last May, in what Nigerian the detainees as possible. Peoand international buman rights ple were told that unless their groups describe as a politically families came up with large inspired frame-up, the authori- amounts of money they would ties arrested Ken Saro-Wiwa, not be released."

Mr. Saro-Wiwa, who has been held in military jails since drawn from Ogoni areas, clos- his arrest and deprived of visits for most of that time, is being tried for the murders before a military-run tribunal in Port Harcourt.

James Ron, a Human Rights Watch researcher who spent three weeks investigating miliand will return only when we tary abuses, said that after the killings of four conservative Ogoni leaders for which Mr. Saro-Wiwa was accused, "soldiers moved in and just began shooting people in their villages, burning their homes and arresting young Ogoni men en

company. Shell says that in several areas of the Niger Delta its gan its attacks, it looked at first "When the government beas if they were looking for the killers, but they conducted themselves as if they were leading a punitive expedition," Mr. Ron said. "If some people were interrogated, many of the detainees were simply mistreated.

"Young Ogoni men were flogged twice a day, and there was an effort by the soldiers to extract as much money from

Mr. Ron, who was allowed to enter Ogoniland for one day with a military escort, said he and another colleague had only been able to interview many of secret after they were brought out of their homeland by trusted messengers.

Since the start of the attacks cess to their villages has been effectively closed to outsiders by Nigerian security forces. Human Rights Watch was al-

lowed to tour the region with military escort, but during a three-week investigation was able to arrange clandestine meetings with several Ogoni victims, as well as with four soldiers who separately gave their accounts of army-led attacks on Ogoni villages.

Military officials and Shell managers both warned of "trouble" should foreign reporters seek to enter Ogoni ar-

Nigeria has increasingly become the focus of international human rights critics in recent weeks, who have reproached General Abacha's 18-monthold government with wave after wave of arrests of political opponents, union leaders, and, most recently, one of the country's former presidents, Olusegun Obansanjo. In 1979, he became the first Nigerian leader since independence in 1960 to voluntarily surrender power after democratic elections.

The Washington-based lobby the victims of army attacks in TransAfrica warned Nigeria earlier this month that it was preparing to mount a "global campaign of economic and political isolation," to force Genon the Ogoni, independent ac- eral Abacha to restore democratic rule. Petroleum production ac-

counts for 80 percent of Nigoria's revenue. Nigeria exports from 60 percent to 90 percent of its oil, a lightweight, or "sweet." crude considered ideal for pasoline production, to the United States. Shell, which generates about half of the country's output, is by far Nigeria's largest producer.

10 New Radar Stations To Warn of Cyclones

The Associated Press COLOMBO - About 10 weather radar stations will be built in the northern Indian

Ocean to strengthen cyclone detection in a region where hundreds of people are killed by such storms every year, a mete-orological report said Tuesday. The report by the Panel on Tropical Cyclones, which met

in Colombo, highlighted the need to minimize cyclone damage. Cyclones killed 545 people in 1994 in India, Bangladesh

Carter Obtains 2-Month Truce In South Sudan

Agence France-Presse

In Cairo, the rebels gave a cautious welcome to the halt in hostilities announced by the Sudanese leader, General Omar Has-san Ahmad Bashir.

toring of the cease-fire," General Bashir announced Monday that a unilateral cease fire would come into force at midnight The general repeated an of-

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Europeans Flee on Jet From Paris

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BUJUMBURA, Burandi — A French jet that flew into Burundi early Tuesday carrying a French minister on a peace mission left later in the day carrying about 200 Europeans.

The French cooperation and development minister, Bernard Debré arriving in the control

Debré, arriving in the central African country for the second time in five days, said the international community might intervene if the violence there worsened. But he ruled out a unilateral mission by French troops similar to one in Rwanda last year,

Hutu leaders, including government officials, have spoken in favor of involving the international community, but Tutsi radicals have warned that any foreign force would meet resis-

Hutu-Tutsi violence in Rwanda set off a genocide last year that killed up to a million people in two months.

There were few public tears or emotional scenes in Bujumbura's airport as wives and children said farewell to relatives and boarded an Air France Boeing 747 sent by the French government, leaving a city racked by ethnic violence.

Violence between majority Hutu and minority Tutsi has killed hundreds in the last week and threatens to rip the country apart, as it did neighboring Rwanda last year.

Officials at the French Embassy refused to describe the Tuesday flight as an evacuation, saying that 160 French citizens left at French expense for early Easter holidays because of



sador advised other Americans to leave. The Foreign Ministry in Bonn also advised German women and children to leave.

An estimated 50,000 Burundians, mainly Hutu, have already fled, many of them on foot to neighboring Zaire, and whole areas of the capital are desolate. "I am leaving for my holidays

a little bit early," a French teacher who refused to be identified said before boarding the flight to France. "I shall be back as planned on April 14."

She admitted there was some The U.S. Embassy said 15 tension among those leaving at 4-year-old girl, were killed in an relatives of officials would fly what the future might bring, but ambush by Huttu gunmen near out Wednesday, and the ambas- added, "We all have hope."

Frenchman holding his adopted son at the airport Tuesday. About 40 other Europeans Chirac Said to Get Break on Lodging also used the flight to escape the

capital — now calm after a weekend of killing, grenade blasts, gunfire and what government officials have described as ethnic cleansing by Hutu militias of mixed neighborhoods in the city. Prime Minister Antoine Nduwayo said he would set up ethnic ghettos to separate the

two communities, but United Nations officials expressed concerns that the move could fan ethnic hatred in the long term. Three Belgians, including a ambush by Hutu gunmen near Bujumbura on March 19. French Rightists Now Aim Fire at Each Other

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Tribune PARIS - A tilt to the right among French voters has turned the presidential election into a personal match between two conservatives — Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris and Prime Minister Edouard Balla-

dur — and has prompted unions to strike in an effort to win wage increases before a rightist victory. France faces transportation problems this week with walk-outs in the domestic airline, the railroads and the Paris trans-

port system. Air Inter said it was cutting half its flights Tuesday and Wednesday. Train and subway strikes will cause traffic chaos Thursday in Paris. And postal strikes have blocked mail in

some provinces. The unions hope to wring concessions during the campaign and, more important, to forestall cost-cutting in staterun services once France has a conservative president

cutbacks is conspicuously ab- election May 7. sent from the campaign oratory of both Mr. Chirac and Mr.

rent increase.

David de Rothschild

more spending to help the homeless.

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Pollsters caution against giv-

numbers since nearly half of the

voters are undecided. In addi-

tion, there is puzzlement about

the weak showing of French

Conservative candidates, in-

margin that has not material-

Still, with a conservative vic-

So far, both candidates have

tory apparently assured. Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur can

avoided vilifying each other by

name, remembering that such personal rivalries have shat-

ized in any recent election.

concentrate on each other.

been at the center of French debates about economic policy. has suddenly been shouldered aside by demands for wage increases now that France is showing signs of economic re-

Both conservative candidates now back the idea that more leftists, consumer spending has eco-nomic advantages that outcluding the two nationalists. Jean-Marie Le Pen and Philippe de Villiers, together com-mand the support of roughly 65 percent of French people — a veigh the risk of inflation. If fulfilled, these campaign

promises for tax cuts and increased spending would breach the austerity policies that governments in Paris have pursued for more than a decade in an effort to make France more competitive internationally. For now, French conserva-

tives are more worried about the rancorous feud between Mr. Chirac and Mr. Balladur and the risk that post-electoral bitterness will erode the next president's authority.

The combat has intensified with new polls indicating that onservative president. Mr. Balladur and Mr. Chirac
They are pressing their demay face each other in the secmands even though talk of such ond round of the presidential

The polls show that Mr. Balladur may have halted his slide Balladur, who have concentratin popularity enough to edge ed on promising tax cuts and out the Socialist candidate, Lio-

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rand. a Socialist.

ing too much credence to the tangled about accusations of

Instead, the two leaders have

improprieties in office, an as-

sertion that forced disclosures

about both candidates' person-

al wealth - and left both men

leaked embarrassing material.

convinced that his rival had

Any figment of cooperation fell away Tuesday when Mr.

Balladur was quoted as saying that he would not withdraw in

Mr. Chirac's favor even if the

two men ended up in a runoif.

traditional campaign hoopla.

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His readiness to fight to the finish fits Mr. Balladur's new percent 10 days earlier, Mr. Balladur gained 3 points, to 20.5 percent, while Mr. Jospin lost ! aggressive campaign style. Abandoning his initial image as an aloof manager, he has rolled

point to 20 percent. up his cuffs and embraced the

In a runoff. Mr. Chirac was shown beating any rival, but This image — sorely at odds
with Mr. Balladur's prim permargin over Mr. Jospin.

mainly because of favorable news media coverage, especially

by television, where the Balla-

dur government has strong in-

Mr. Balladur's early lead with

energetic campaigning, is stick-ing to his own new look of natu-

ral spontaneity tempered by ex-

perience. Mr. Chirac portrays

himself as a man in touch with

ordinary people, especially

dicated that 27.5 percent of voters would back Mr. Chirac in

the first round, down from 29.5

A poll published Tuesday in-

Mr. Chirac, who overtook

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EU Is Split Over Punishing Canada in Fishing Feud

over how to defend Spanish in-terests against Canada in a dispute over fishing rights in international waters off Newfound-

The EU's executive branch, the European Commission, hinted that it might impose sanctions against Canada for a series of what it called "aggressions," culminating in the cutting of a net from a Spanish trawler Sunday.

According to his spokesman, the commission president, Jac-ques Santer, called Prime Minister Jean Chrétien of Canada late Monday and said any further moves by Ottawa "will have consequences on the Union's relations with Canada beyond fishing."

But EU member states, and

stocks of Greenland halibut, or turbot, off Newfoundland's Grand Banks.

On Tuesday, Spain moved on, its own, filing a World Court complaint against Canada. The court, the judicial arm of the United Nations, confirmed that Spain submitted an application, but declined to disclose details.

The Spanish fisheries minister, Luis Atienza, has lobbied the EU for a strong stand against Ottawa "I hope the European Com-

mission is ready to enact sanc-tions" if Canada threatens more Spanish boats, he said. "We favor a solution through

international arbitration, but it is not possible if Canada continues to threaten the safety of our fishermen," he added.

sanctions against Canada.

But the British Foreign Office urged the "utmost restraint" by the EU and an end "megaphone diplomacy."

"Britain will continue to use high-level contacts with Canada and Spain and with the commission and other member states to reduce tension and urge an early negotiated settlement," it said in a statement.

Fishermen from Britain's southwest coast flew the Canadian flag on Tuesday to show their support. Cornish fisher-men clashed with their Spanish counterparts last year in a dispute over rich fishing grounds

Negotiations on fisheries conservation and monitoring

Compiled by Our Stelf From Disputches the commission itself, offered Mr. Atienza said his govern- measures resumed Tuesday, af- spokesman, Nikolaus van der BRUSSELS — The Europe- differing opinions on how far to ment had asked delegates from ter EU officials had said Mon- Pas, said the commission was pended until Canada stopped sary" to the delegates in order harassing EU fishing boats. to start a retaliation process. (AP, Reuters)

PARIS —A French newspaper says that the front-runner in the presidential campaign, Mayor Jacques Chirac of Paris, is living in a \$2 million apartment owned by a subsidized-housing company

that bought the property to protect him from the threat of a sharp

The weekly Canard Enchaîné reported in an article to be published Wednesday that Mr. Chirac paid a monthly rent of

11,000 francs (\$2,200) for a spacious ground-floor apartment with

a private garden, in a villa in a chic Left Bank district of the

capital. The rent was about half the normal rate, the paper said.

Stefanini, as confirming that the apartment was owned by the

company SGIM, which specializes in subsidized housing. Canard

Enchaine said the company was partly owned by Paris municipal authorities and by a holding company controlled by Guy and

Mr. Chirac's office declined to comment on the report.

The paper quoted Mr. Chirac's campaign manager, Patrick

After meeting the EU fisheries commissioner, Emma Bonino, on Tuesday, Mr. Atienza said she supported Spain's intention to continue fishing for turbot despite a Canadian-imposed moratorium.

Her position, however, was not shared by all commission members, EU officials said privately. They said the EU trade chief, Sir Leon Brittan, who is charged with overall relations with Canada, is more inclined to favor Ottawa's position over that of Madrid.

The commission has been reparing a list of possible dip lomatic and economic measures with which to retaliate. Its

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ART & LIES: A Piece for Three Voices and a Bawd By Jeanette Winterson. 206 pages. \$22. Knopf.

Reviewed by Elizabeth Hand

DEAD White European Males have taken such a beating these last few years that the combined energies of all the Blooms - Allan, Harold, Leopold --- would scarce be enough to revive them. What a marvel, it is, then —a marvel and rather clever little joke, considering the author's provenance — to read Jeanette Winterson's "Art & Lies" and find that DWEMs so you think this is going to be a

pages) that absolves them of many of their sins of omission, without permitting them to forgo their penance. Winterson is one of our most important writers in English, the author of four previous novels that have been acclaimed on both sides of

the Atlantic. "Art & Lies" is nothing if not audacious. Three passengers board a train, which with its cargo of light appears to be that very locomotive Einstein used to explain his theory of relativity. The passengers' names are Handel, Picasso, Sappho; and

have not only been given their variation on a couple of dead

failed priest; brilliant, a specialist in breast cancer, haunted by

rays.
While "Art & Lies" is dizzying, almost brazen, in its effects, Winterson has set herself a still greater task. Her three passengers are all fleeing a terrible place and time. London at the millennium, "The City 2000 Af-ter Death," where their lives

quite literally locked up, institutionalized after she attempted to blow the whistle on her brother's abuse. Sappho's life - her art - has been suppressed by representatives of the patriarchy; and Handel has seemingly lost the key to his heart, somewhere between the seminary and the surgical amphitheater. Yet all three have been sustained during their internments in the 20th century by Good Angels. Art but even more than Art, Words. As Sanpho puts it, "I was and am still moved by things remote from me. Things demanding words, things whose life I understood own. Not one flesh but one image and the image more potent that the flesh. My Muse . . .

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due but their just deserts as artistes sitting around talking well, in a short novel (only 206 — "Godel Escher Bach" meets "Strangers on a Train." But then Handel turns out to be a middle-aged surgeon and

> his own failures and those of his church. Picasso is an artist, yes, but she is a young woman, fleeing her horrible bourgeois family and the incestuous attentions of her older brother. Only Sappho appears to be really Sappho; but who can be sure of that, since we know her only by those fragments of poetry that have survived the ravages of centuries? This volume details so well that they seemed to be (among other things) the erotic my own. They were not my peregrinations of Doll Sneerpiece, the bawd of the subtitle, whose adventures reflect and refract those of Handel, Sappho, Picasso in unexpected

varying sorts. Picasso has been ington Post.

Poignant, breathtaking, humorous and erotic (not for nothing is Doll Sneerpiece in here) and a real page-turner, the surreal rail passage of "Art & Lies" is not to be missed.

Elizabeth Hand the author of millennium, The City 2000 After Death," where their lives forthcoming "Waking the
have been imprisonments of Moon," wrote this for The Wash-

Herald Eribune

Kidnapped by Iraq

Clinton Can't Ignore It

Not even the Iraqis charge that the two American aircraft maintenance specialists just convicted for an illegal border crossing were spies. On a casual day trip from Kuwait, they were passed, mistak-enly, through a United Nations checkpoint. Then they were passed, again mistakenly, through an Iraqi checkpoint. For this patently innocent passage, an Iraqi court gave the two eight years.

A smart Saddam Hussein would have shipped the pair home quickly and grabbed for the international credit. Instead, the iraqi strongman held on to them presumably as bait in a negotiation aimed at loosening the Americansponsored United Nations sanctions on his regime. The speaker of Iraq's Parliament, with no documentation, has raised the possibility of "sabotage" in this case. But he also said there might

still be room for "leniency."
The United States asks for the release of the two Americans on a "humanitarian" basis. That means Washington is prepared to go without demanding that lrag pay a political price for its offensive already a concession. It should not

No Sanctions Linkage

lraq has handed down unjustifiable eight-year sentences for two Americans who trespassed on its territory. Their imprisonment poses a delicate diplomatic problem for President Bill Clinton. Already Republican presidential hopefuls have called for forceful action to free the men. In coming weeks, the easing of economic sanctions on Iraq will come before the United Nations Security Council. Make too much of the two men's plight and Mr. Clinton drops a bargaining chip into Saddam Hussein's pocket. Make too little of it and the Republicans accuse him of letting two Americans rot in a Baghdad jail. Either way, Mr. Clinton's policy toward Iraqi sanctions is in some ways now held hostage, too.

The Clinton administration has so far steered a correct course. It has urged Iraq to release the men on humanitarian grounds. It has enlisted France and Russia in its efforts. At the same time, it has properly rejected any direct linkage of their release to a relaxation of economic sanctions on Baghdad.

Indirect linkage may be unavoidable. France and Russia favor lifting of Security Council sanctions. America is opposed. If they secure the men's release,

mean that the United States is prepared to accept Iraq's plea for its own matching "humanitarian" release from international sanctions. Those penalties were imposed to extract compensation for wrongs that Iraq, the aggressor, did in the Gulf war. All along, the United Nations has offered to permit Iraq to sell oil for its food and emergency needs. For reasons of its own, Iraq has rejected this loophole. This past weekend it chose to say "no" again.

What Iraq has done amounts to kidnapping. It is something that the United States cannot ignore. Nor is this simply because of the American dispute with Saddam Hussein's Iraq. With millions of Americans constantly traveling, the United States has a greater national interest than any other country in seeing to the safety of its citizens abroad.

The tactics of how to deal with a Saddam Hussein are always difficult. The Clinton administration is taking what it calls a "quiet but firm" diplomatic route. Several candidates for the Republican presidential nomination declare that Bill Clinton should show himself ready to go a military route. He needs to get the two Americans back in a hurry.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Paris and Moscow may seek some concession from Washington on sanctions. That is acceptable only after Iraqi compliance on disarmament.

The two men, who work for American defense contractors in Kuwait, were said to be visiting friends in the demilitarized zone, 10 kilometers wide on the Iraqi side of the border and five kilometers wide on the Kuwaiti side. To impede incursions, Kuwait has built a deep trench along its side of the border, but the two men crossed a bridge over the trench, where the United Nations and Iraq maintain checkpoints. It is a wonder how they were

waved through both checkpoints.

Holding them will do little for Iraq's cause. Releasing them could help France and Russia try to win a lifting of the Iraq embargo when inspectors report to the Security Council on Iraqi compliance with disarmament strictures. Under the terms of the cease-fire resolution ending the Gulf war, Iraq will be allowed to resume selling oil once it relinquishes its weapons of mass destruction, identifies all its arms-making sites and suppliers and allows international monitoring. Lifting of the oil embargo should not be tied to the two Americans. Baghdad has a right to full relief only when it complies fully on arms.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Corruption Goes Global, and So Has to Be the Riposte

WASHINGTON — Even a casual skimming of recent headlines reyeals a world that appears to be awash in a wave of corruption. Governments have fallen in Brazil, Italy and Japan. French courts have sent a minister to jail. The scandal in Belgium may reach the highest levels of NATO.

Is this simply one more example of the media spotlight focusing on an age-old problem and inflating it well beyond its actual dimensions? Or has the practice of bribing public officials really become

more important than in the past?
We are firmly convinced that corruption is in the public eye for good reason. It is a greater threat to business and society than ever before.

Law enforcement officials like Interpol's secretary-general, Raymond Ken-dall, warn that it is becoming difficult to draw a clear line between "normal" political business corruption and hard-core organized crime activity. Because fiscal evasion, bribery, and money laundering all

The threat of organized crime penetrating legitimate business is real and growing.

entail similar techniques (deposits to offshore banks, for example), one easily slides into the other.

The problem is compounded by what police agencies describe as the increasingly far-flung financial activities of organized crime. According to the administrator of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Thomas Constantine, the drug trade is now a \$400 billion to \$500 billion business that circulates much of its

By Stephen J. Kobrin, Moises Naim and Patrick Glynn

money through the global financial system. The threat of organized crime penetrating legitimate business - and largescale corruption of the global financial system itself -- is real and growing.

The increasing globalization of finance and business complicates the problem by putting a good deal of activity out of sight and out of the reach of national jurisdictions. International business transactions are harder for national government to track and control. Borders are becoming diffuse.

Today it is almost impossible to separate international from domestic business, offshore from onshore activity. Corrupt activity anywhere can affect any country's domestic economy and institutions in the blink of an eye.

Until recently, multinational corporations, especially those based outside the United States, generally accepted corrupt practices as the price for doing business, if not in their own countries then certainly abroad. This is now beginning to change. The spate of major business-political scandals in the last two years indicates what appears to be a global shift in public attitudes toward corruption. The "clean hands" movement in Italy is but one example.

Governments and corporations are

finding that public exposure of such practices carries a high price tag, up to and including jail sentences for those involved. All this has heightened interest among political ad business leaders in broader coordination of anti-corruption efforts, including international standardization of legal frameworks and business ethics. For example, two recent OECD-spon-sored conferences, one on bribery and the

other on official corruption, focused on the need for new multilateral approaches. And the European Union has taken steps to establish Europol, a Europewide police intelligence agency to track

organized crime activity across borders. Business is also moving on the corruption issue. In January, the Geneva-based World Economic Forum, whose membership includes the world's top CEOs. launched a new anti-corruption initiative at its annual meeting in Davos. Executives, law enforcement officials, leading politicians, social scientists and ethics experts came together for a wide-ranging

discussion of the problem. The meeting led to formation of the Davos Group, whose membership includes the Drug Enforcement Administration's Mr. Constantine and Interpol's Mr. Kendall, former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, Belgian Justice Minister Melchior Watheiet and the chairmen or chief executives of Germay's Siemens, Russia's Technobank, the Luxembourg bourse and half a dozen other large mul-

tinational concerns on four continents. Working with experts from business schools and think tanks, the Davos Group committed itself to a year of intense activity, designed to highlight and begin to find solutions to the corruption problem. No one underestimates the scope of the task. Legal and ethical standards for business vary widely from nation to nation, and in many cultures cor-ruption is deeply entrenched. Nonetheless, Davos Group members share a conviction that the time is ripe for reform.

They are proposing practical steps, in-cluding an international convention on

tions on drugs and terrorism), standard international codes of ethics for businesses, greater uniformity in extradition treaties and practices, closer monitoring of international financial transactions, professionalization of the civil service in developing nations, and a variety of educational efforts designed to focus business attention on ethical problems.

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Executives of multinational firms are realistic enough to see that corruption in many places is simply a fact of life. But when all is said and done, most large corporations would prefer to stay out of

the business of bribing.
Thanks to laws like the 1977 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which bars U.S. based companies from bribing foreign officials, American multinationals face more restrictive rules than most of their competitors, and would benefit from a leveling of the playing field.

Moreover, political officials in the developing and post-Communist worlds increasingly recognize corruption as a ma-

jor drag on development.
Tangible results will require hard-toachieve cooperation among politicians, law enforcement officials and the international business community. The formation of the Davos Group just possibly signals the beginning of a serious effort by international business to come to grips with the global corruption problem.

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The Nuclear Agreement With North Korea Is Flawed, So Improve It

By James R. Lilley

WASHINGTON — Despite a weak hand, North Korea has skillfully kept the offensive in its dealings with the United States. True, it has agreed to freeze its nuclear program. But the payoff has been huge - and

Pyongyang keeps asking for more. By threatening war, it persuaded Washington to abandon economic sanctions. It has also won a five-year delay of so-called challenge inspections of nuclear waste sites requested by Washington and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Its appetite whetted. Pyongyang -- not wanting to seem dependent on Seoul threatens to break the agreement if the light-water reactors it has been promised under the agree-

ment are built by South Korea. The United States cannot trap itself in a game in which North Korea keeps upping the ante at South Korea's expense. Washing-ton has encouraged this game by creating the impression that the South is also to blame for the

problems on the peninsula. State Department leaks insinuate that the South insulted the North by not being suitably respectful about Kim Il Sung's death. In a bizarre twist, the North has demanded that Seoul apologize for alleged insults. Washington should not perform a balancing act between South and North. There is no moral equivalence between the two. Who started the Korean War? Which is a hermit kingdom? South Korea's remarkable progress is there for all to see. It has an open press, genuinely democratic elections and an ex-

traordinary economy. North Korea has had trouble supplying its people with the ba-sic necessities of life and clearly is in no position to lecture anyone on human rights. Further, the United States is committed to South Korea by shared interests and values as well as by a security treaty. These interests are not served by placating the North and denigrating the South.

The Clinton administration's flawed agreement should not be rationalized with the argument that the only alternative is war; the North Koreans are dangerous but not dominant. The real alternative is a better agreement.

During a recent trip to North Korea, I told my hosts what I believed had to be done. First, permit full inspections as soon as possible. Second, join with the South in reducing forces in the demilitarized zone. Third, join in confidence-building measures: installing hotlines and notifying each other of military exercises. Most important, both sides should resume their dialogue on overcoming divisions on the peninsula. The North-South agreements on reconciliation and cooperation reached in 1991 are the only real basis for long-term stability. Trade and cultural exchanges would flourish, as would con-

structive engagement with America. North Korea has an unprecedented opportunity to improve its negative image in the United States. But if it persists in down-grading South Korea and belit-tling U.S. negotiators, the agreement aimed at restraining North Korea's nuclear ambitions, and the efforts to carry it out, will be seriously jeopardized.

The writer was U.S. ambassadoi to South Korea from 1986 to 1989. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Tests for Cancer Risks

likely to get cancer are moving rapidly the cancer to which a patient may be into the marketplace before there is a prone. There are also concerns that medical consensus on their value or how to use them. The swift advance has understandably alarmed leading authorities cost-conscious employers or insurers on ethics and medicine. But many people might use test results to screen out peowill no doubt feel, as we do, that any information that can give them a head start in lighting a dreaded disease is more a blessing than a cause for fear. The tests analyze blood or tissue samples for signs of mutated genes that can greatly increase an individual's risk of getting cancers that affect the breast, colon, thyroid, skin and brain.

It is mostly the rapid commercialization of the tests that has alarmed the experts. Some of the genes have been discovered only recently, yet already the genetic tests are being advertised to doctors, and at least one network of physicians will offer them to patients shortly. This is happening before experts in the genetics of cancer feel confident that they fully understand the significance of in-

heriting or developing a mutated gene.

The tests clearly pose some dangers.

Experts have not identified all the genes involved in breast cancer, for example, or all the mutations possible, let alone whether all such mutations will cause cancer, making it difficult to interpret a genetic test for breast cancer. Nor, in many cases, can doctors offer

Genetic tests that can tell if you are much useful advice on how to prevent some patients, presented with gloomy test results, might turn suicidal, and that ple at high risk of cancer.

To find answers to such problems. many experts urge that testing be performed only in research settings, thereby limiting its availability.

That may be a sound scientific approach. But many individuals will surely crave access to any scrap of information that might help them in the battle against cancer. Some people found at very high risk of thyroid cancer might well wish to remove the thyroid surgically. Some at high risk of colon cancer might change their diets and get screened more often to detect and remove precancerous polyps. Those at high risk of breast cancer might redouble their efforts to diet, exercise and stay lean - and might also choose early mammography in an effort to detect small tumors.

There are no sure-fire ways to prevent or cure cancer, but advance warning that one is predisposed can at least allow people to marshal the few weapons available. Let the tests come to market while research goes forward on how best to interpret and handle the results.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

From Gujarat, a Lesson in Changing Illiterates Into Businesswomen

By Elisabeth Bumiller

WASHINGTON — The most important person Hillary Clinton sees on her trip to South Asia this week is a shy, 62-yearold revolutionary in a hand-spun cotton sari. Her name is Ela R. Bhatt. The fact that she is on the itinerary tells me that the White

House has got this trip right. Ela Bhatt is the founder and driving force of a now famous women's organization in India. called SEWA, that holds to the simple yet radical belief that poor women need organizing, not welfare. SEWA is the acronym for the Self-Employed Women's Association and corresponds to the Indian word sewa, for service.

Based in Ahmadabad, a dusty old textile city, SEWA is at its core a trade union for the selfemployed. In other words, it offers union membership to the illiterate women who sell vegetables for 50 cents a day in the city markets, or who pick up paper

cials from rich countries as well

as vulnerable low-lying areas are meeting this week in Berlin

to chart a course for the United

Nations treaty to slow global

warming. The conference is sure

to be declared a failure unless

there is agreement to seek a

tough new package of strict tar-

gets and timetables for limiting

emissions of the gases known to

That would be wrong. All but

a few of the 23 industrialized

countries that have pledged to

control their emissions have yet

to implement their commitments

fully. Imposing more stringent obligations would only eviscer-

ate international law and under-

So success in Berlin should be

measured by whether the treaty

narrows the gap between what

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scraps for recycling from the nities, and the horrific barriers of streets — jobs that most Indian men don't consider real work.

caste begin to break down. To date, SEWA has a membership of When a woman joins SEWA, several things usually happen.

Her income increases, since the union's power allows her better prices from the middlemen who supply her vegetables, or who purchase her paper scraps. Then she plows the extra income into her family, for education, health care, birth control. Studies have shown that Indian men often use extra income for alcohol, cigarettes and other personal treats.

Most important, a typically oppressed woman begins to change the way she thinks of herself. "For the first time she realizes she is not just someone's wife or daughterin-law," says Ela Bhatt. "She's a worker, an active producer."

And when that happens, she meets women from other commu-

150,000 women, the vast majority of them poor and illiterate.

What does this mean for America? Everything. At a time when the United States is trying to end welfare as it now exists, SEWA provides a model. From the dust bowls of Gujarat to the new South Bronx, a simple truth emerges: Give people some control over their own destinies empower them, to use the current buzzword - and then watch as a spirit of enterprise emerges.

Hillary Clinton certainly knows this already. Her journey to South Asia could teach her more. Ultimately her trip is not just about women's issues but about learning how women are the real agents for change in the developing world, and at home.

I first met Ela Bhatt in the 1980s, when I was living in New until then, I'll confess, the phrase ployed" made my eyes glaze over. But when I traveled to Ahmadabad in the fall of 1987, what I saw opened up my world.

When I first walked into the SEWA bank one stifling-hot October day, I was greeted by a festive cacophony of purposeful women, some eating lunch on the floor, others nursing babies along the sides of the room. The bank was where they socialized.
The SEWA bank now has

61,000 members, assets of \$4 million and customers who walk in each day to deposit a dollar or take out 60 cents.

For years. Ela often said, women had been treated "like dirt" by traditional bankers. Worse, women had no place to hide their savings from husbands and sons. With the SEWA bank, she explained in the gentle tone that softened the daring of her thinking, "we will be able to nonviolently, in the most Gandhian way, elimi-

nate" the husbands' total control. Her vision has in large part been shaped by Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian independence movement who believed in nonviolence and the need to uplift the poorest members of socicty first. His first fast was in Ahmadabad in 1918, on behalf of striking workers at the city's textile mills. Out of that fast grew the Textile Labor Association, or TLA, the oldest and largest trade union of textile workers in India. A generation later, a young Brahmin woman from a well-todo Gujarati family could find no better place to nurture her Gan-

dhian ideals than in a job with the TLA, which did extensive welfare Delhi and working on a book work among its members. By sabout the women of India. Up 1968, Ela had taken over the women's division of the union, a job

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work among the members' wives. She would soon demolish the assumption that what these women needed was charity from wellmeaning people like herself. In 1971 she met with a group of "head loaders" — women who carry cloth on their heads between Ahmadabad's wholesale and retail markets --- who complained that the cloth merchants routinely cheated them.

She helped them form a group to collectively demand better pay, then wrote an article about their plight for one of the local newspapers. When the merchants countered with an article of their own, insisting that they were paying the women fairly. Ela printed the merchants' claims on cards and

distributed them to the women. Out of that effort grew SEWA. which has organized women into 70 different trade cooperatives, from fish vending to cattle raising to weaving to hand-rolling cigarettes. Health care and insurance are available to the membership.

After a brief period in the up-per house of the Indian Parliament. Ela Bhatt is now the chair of Women's World Banking, the global financial-services network. She is also on the board of the Rockefeller Foundation - part of a change to move the founda-tion's leadership beyond the usual corporate titans,

The writer is author of "May You Be the Mother of a Hundred Sons: A Journey Among the Wom-en of India." She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

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An Odd Buildup in the Gulf

Lately, says U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry, Iran has been building up its military forces on three disputed islands near the Strait of Hormuz. It has moved 6,000 troops to the sites, along with anti-ship missiles. It has also deployed anti-aircraft missiles and, curiously, chemical weapons. The latter seems an odd choice in an area where steady breezes would make their use highly chancy, but Mr. Perry insists that the weapons have been detected.

tranian interference with oil traffic would make little sense, given its own dependence on the Gulf's shipping lanes. Nonetheless, the buildup, along with Iran's acquisition of two Russian submarines and five fast-attack Chinese patrol boats, does raise questions. Until recently it was assumed the chief threat in the Gulf would continue to come from Iraq. Now Washington has put a second candidate on its list. An overreaction? Maybe. But far better to treat Iran's buildup with caution than with indifference.

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chase symbolic goals. Today's implementation gap does not mean that governments have ignored international law: controlling global warming is a difficult task. To varying degrees, countries are trying hard to meet their goals.

But carbon dioxide, the main cause of warming, is an intrinsic by-product of burning the lossil fuels that power the industrial world. In seeking mandated international targets, activists are drawing erroneously on experience with other international problems - like controlling sulphur dioxide, which causes acid rain, and chlorofluorocarbons.

which deplete the ozone layer -where relatively easy technical fixes and chemical substitutes are possible.

In those cases, governments could assess what was feasible and thus credibly agree to respect tough mandated international targets. What is at stake in managing climate change is a trickier job: planning a new de-carbonized economy. That requires much better information about which policies work, and a closer link between what international law calls for and what countries actually plan and do.

The answer is to focus efforts over the next few years on gathering reliable technical information on what governments are doing. A promising system of national plans - consisting of inventoried emissions of greenhouse gases, planned policies and measures, and forecasts of emissions - is already in place, along with mechanisms for mul-

tilateral review. This system will face challenges enough without the Berlin delegates seeking the easy symbols of stringent new mandates that won't be met anyway.

Countries pressured into negotiating commitments that they cannot implement will respond, as many aiready have, by obscuring and omitting critical data. Without a transparent planning system it is impossible to distinguish genuine efforts onerous future commitments to ment to the Herald Tribune.

slow global warming will be im-possible to verify. Luckily, global warming is

not an imminent catastrophe. The greatest danger lies in the long-term buildup of gases. The UN's expert panel of chimate scientists concluded recently that the future concentration of carbon dioxide is most sensitive to the sum total of emissions; the exact timing of emissions reductions matters less. The world can easily afford to wait for two more rounds of planning and reviews - about six years on the current schedule that will be needed to build a sound foundation.

Still, the likely face-saving agreement in Berlin will be to launch new negotiations. The European Union, with one of the largest implementation gaps, says that it wants new commit-

ments within two years. That is a good idea if the time is used to explore the many unresolved issues, such as how to share the burden of slowing global warming. But it is a dan-gerously simplistic decision if the EU initiative is just a ruse to seek new symbolic commit-

ments that widen the gap. So the Berlin conference can succeed, but only if it leads to international law that takes implementation far more seriously.

The writer is a project leader for International Environmental Commitments, specializing in the study of what makes international environmental laws work effecfrom smoke and mirrors. More tively. He contributed this com-

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: A Taste for Larks

PARIS - To the Italian everything is edible; it is a nation without a palate. It steeps a hare in fennel and cats salt with melons. The craze for devouring birds of all kinds is a species of fury from the Alps to Eina; they crunch the delicate bodies between their jaws with disgusting relish, and a lark represents to them a succulent morsel for the spit or pasty. The trade in larks all over the world is enormous and execrable. It should at once be made penal by heavy fines on the trappers, the vendors, and the eaters, or ere long no more will the lark be heard on the earth

1920: Onija Board Boom BALTIMORE — The business

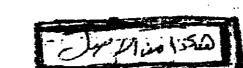
boom which Baltimore has enjoyed has received a fresh impetus from an unexpected source - the ouiia board. The increasing inter-

est in matters regarding the continuity of life after death, and the part which this little instrument has played in the demonstrations, have caused a great demand at the plant that is manufacturing it.

1945: Tommy's Initiative LONDON - If a British Tommy

runs into Hitler he'll have the full

backing of His Majesty's Government for whatever course of action he decides to pursue. The question of instructing British soldiers in such an emergency was raised on the floor of the Commons today [March 28], but Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, championed individual initiative as a governmental policy in such matters. After stating that Hitler is "one of the major war criminals," Eden was asked whether if a British soldier sees Hitler will it be his duty to shoot him or try to bring him back alive?"



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OPINION/LETTERS

Flogging China With a Limp U.S. Noodle

NEW YORK — At least this can be said about a new human rights initiative of the rations operating abroad. This Clinton administration: There is supposed to satisfy Ameriare people in the government

Be the Ripost

The administration 'encourages' businesses to adopt codes on fair employment practices, including 'avoidance' of child and forced labor.

House and National Economic Council, who still believe that the president can restore his reputation as a human rights leader with funny-house mirrors and without putting pressure on Communist China or its

American business lobby.

Last year President Bill Clinton reneged on his written word to use higher tariffs on some Chinese goods as incentive to bring smidgens of human rights

decency to Communist China So Thursday his administration disclosed his new idea. U.S. business should institute voluntary codes of human rights principles for American corpoBy A. M. Rosenthal

who understood and argued that it was an embarrassing piece of hypocrisy, saying much, meaning nothing, fooling nobody.

They were overruled by higher authorities in the White

Presumably Americans, Chi- no provisions for economic nese Communists and tortured political prisoners in China and Tibet are all moronic enough not to notice a few realities that make the proposal more salt in the wound.

1. It transfers entirely the po-litical and moral responsibility for fighting for human rights in China from Washington to American business, which has already enthusiastically reject- labor. Avoidance! ed any intention of annoying the Chinese Communists by harboring such thoughts.

2. To ensure that Beijing is not irritated merely by being mentioned in context of a human rights proposal, the administration does not mention any country. The plan is supposed to apply to the whole world. Un-codes for un-countries so diffuse that un-China need its impact.

If catch-all declarations about human rights had any effect so many exist already - China would be a huge civil liberties entertainment park. The point and purpose of human rights action is to apply specific pressure on specific tyramies.

3. Even as the limp noodle it is, American busin plained that it might somehow annoy the dreaded China. So, in nel manuals. History records the lengthy code-contemplating no dictatorship frightened by process, the noodle was made

4 to 100. The plan contains pressure or penalties against governments and businesses that will continue saying what they have always said about human rights codes without enforcement: Put it in your car. Instead, the administration "encourages" businesses to adopt codes on fair employment practices, including "avoidance" of child and forced

no. There are no unsettling de- to accept gross violations of tails about how Chinese Com- human rights on their own facmunists openly operate within foreign-backed factories to carry out such political terrorism as harassing women workers into abortion.

Commenting on the noodle. take no offense, or worry about Human Rights Watch/Asia said that given the range of abuse in countries where Amer- stomach," he said. ican companies do business, in-

Nigeria and of course China the "codes" would do no more good than the "hortatory" language already found in person-

a company manual.
But in the U.S. Congress a bill has been introduced that would demand reports from American businesses in China on what they have done to deal with specific violations of hu-man rights affecting their workers. The sponsors are Tom Lantos and Nancy Pelosi, both California Democrats, and Christopher H. Smith of New Jersey and Gerald Solomon of New York, both Republicans.

Mr. Lantos, long a human rights fighter, said in a written workplaces in Whereverland, the administration says only that it should not be condoned, no. There are no unsertime. tory floors. Mr. Lantos said the Clinton plan was "weak and ineffectual."

Over the phone he was more pithy. In seven words he summed up what I have been writing in this column "It makes me sick to my

The New York Times.

Of Cults, Quakes and Japanese Survival

BOSTON — There was another earthquake in Japan last week, though not in recently ravaged Kobe. It was a rather small earthquake, and reports of its damage were drowned out by the horror of the nerve gas loosed on the Tokyo subway by another of those Japanese cults with strange and somehow sinister names: Aum Shinrikyo, which means roughly, Amen the Doctrine of Truth No one was surprised by that small quake. The Japanese always expect disas-

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ters, natural or man-made. Calamities are a stark reality of life in Japan, as was material deprivation until very recently. Tidal waves, typhoons and the occasional volcanic eruption also afflict these islands on the edge of the stormy Pacific Ocean.

A precarious relationship with violent nature has shaped the Japanese people, whose dominance today frightens so many. During the millennia that formed their character, the Japanese lived on rice and greens wrung from their meager soil by much toil and on fish snatched from the seas amid constant danger.

Harsh self-discipline is required to live in a cramped society in a sparse environment where no gift of nature is plentiful. Inured to hardship, the Japanese actually expect disasters. They are rarely disappointed. If not natural disasters, they are hit by man-made disasters: recessions, bankruptcies, the oil shock that threatBy Robert Elegant

ened to deprive them of their energy needs in the 1970s or the dollar shock that has driven their currency upward since.

Although this has made their goods expensive elsewhere, Japanese exports have never been higher. The innate pessimism of the Japanese helps explain why they have done so well since their cities and industry were leveled during World War II. "Gambare," which is practically the national motto, is an exhortation to endure with gritted teeth the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune - and then to strive once more. A second motto urges: "Put your head down and charge your goal like a bull, looking neither right nor left."

If unchecked, such compulsive and violent behavior would reduce Japanese society to anarchy. The Japanese have therefore imposed on themselves many complex rules of behavior, ranging from covering one's mouth when laughing to a minutely prescribed manner of

addressing one's superiors.

Often the two ingrained tendencies are at odds, not blending but clashing. Sometimes a Japanese will all but walk over a foreigner whom he does not expect to see in a crowded public place. Almost invariably, he will then stop and apologize — profusely and sincerely. The tension between the two antagonistic modes of behavior makes Japan

virtually a nation of neurotics, from a Western point of view. Safety valves have therefore been installed in the machinery of Japanese society.

Participants in many temple festivals of Buddhism or Shinto are expected to get drunk and rowdy. Similarly, the salary-man, the quintessential white-collar employee, is expected to get drunk regularly with his office colleagues. If he tells the boss off while convivally drunk, the boss is expected to forget the upbraiding — and sometimes he actually does.

Another refuge from the wracking ten-sion of normal life is the curious sects that have for centuries spring up in Japan. Many are extremist and demand-ing as is Aum Shinrikyo, with its apparently murderous inclinations and the financially ruinous demands it makes on its disciples. But in its day Zen Buddhism was also demanding and extreme. Self-effacement and self-sacrifice for the sect are usually required.

Most Japanese manage to adjust to the divergent demands of their society. In doing so, they make Japan the dominant economic power it is. Some Japanese who find normal life too demanding salve their bruised egos within such cults while waiting for the next disaster to strike.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two Kinds of Bombs?

Mil-ille-E

Regarding "Turkey Crosses a Line" (Opinion, March 24):

At the end of the Gulf War, the United States moved to provide a "safe haven" for the Kurds of northern Iraq, including a flight exclusion zone, to protect them from Saddam Hussein's genocidal aggression. The lofty goal of protecting these people has continued since then, as it should, despite

the sometimes high costs. So I was astounded to read that President Bill Chinton had ordered the grounding of the protective flights so as not to interfere with Turkish F-16s flying sorties against Kurdish

targets in Iraq.
It seems that for Saddam Hussein to bomb Kurdistan violates the UN resolutions being implemented by the United States, but that Turkish bombs against the same region are acceptable. Mr. Clinton has now resumed the overflights, but they protect only against Iraqi planes, not Turkish ones. How can such blatant hypocrisy exist? France and Germany, at

least, have spoken up. We beg Turkey to return to the community of nations, and we beg the United States to show its leadership by being true to its words and providing protection for the Kurds, not excuses for Turkey.

DAVID and ALWAND RUBY.

Pakistan and India

The editorial "How to Help Pakistan" (Opinion, March 16) acknowledges that Pakistan's troubled relationship with the United States is one factor behind the tragic events in that country. However, the formula prescribed for helping Pakistan is bound to aggravate the unrest and discord of most Pakistanis.

Given that India enjoys normal trade relations with the Western world despite its aggressive nuclear policy, the demand that Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto should curb Pakistan's nuclear program in return for restoring economic

aid smacks of duplicity. The same can be said of the idea that Pakistan should be punished for allegedly helping the Kashmiri resistance, while the West ignores India's flouting of the UN resolutions that promised Kashmir the right, through UN-administered refer-

endum, of self-determination. If Miss Bhutto complies with these humiliating demands, she will be viewed as having betrayed the interests of Pakistan. That may be more than enough,

in the current atmosphere, to destabilize her regime. AZZAM TAMIMI.

London.

Dealing With Libya Regarding "Oil Is a Weapon That Americans, Too, Should Be Reluctant to Use" (Opinion, March 23) by Edward L. Morse:

In using a strictly economic argument to oppose continued sanctions against Libya (there are none against Iran), Mr. Morse blithely ignores the reason for those sanctions in

the first place.

Libya stands accused of murdering 270 persons in the terrorist attack on Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. Are we supposed to forget that because sanctions are bad business? The fact that America's European "friends" are willing to overlook the situation is to their discredit. It is their fault the American sanctions are weak. The unilateral U.S. embargo has resulted in impounding nearly \$1 billion of Libyan

What "gestures" has Libya made to resolve the crisis? I was the husband of one of the victims of the destruction of Flight 103, and I am suing Libya in a U.S. federal court. I would be one of the first to know if any nine effort had been made by the Gadhafi regime to make amends, and I know of none.

money in the United States

BRUCE M. SMITH. Port Orange, Florida.

Remember Estonia

An otherwise interesting arti-"Hungarians Are Looking East, Far East, for Their Roots (Feb. 8), contains incomplete information. The Hungarian language is related not only to Finnish but to Estonian, which is also a European language. We realize that 50 years of Soviet occupation has dimmed

the world's memory of Estonia as an independent nation, so, since restoring our independence, we are doing our best to get back on the map of Europe. TILA RAUDMA.

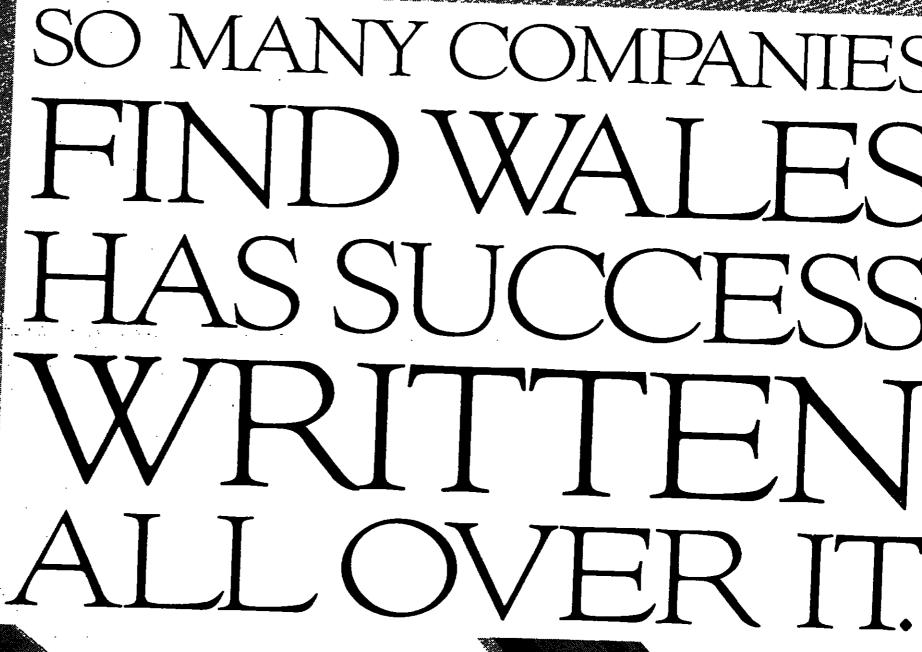
Ministry of Culture and Education. Tallinn, Estonia.

Blame the Purple Rain

Regarding the headline "Too Many Purple Waves of Grain" Meanwhile, March 24):

"Purple waves of grain"! Even if your headline writer can't tell "America the Beautiful" from "Yes, We Have No Bananas," he ought to know the color of wheat.

BETTY S. SMITH.





The same thing seems to happen to companies who move to Wales

They grow.

Multinationals like Sony, Pilkington, British Airways, Bosch, Toyota and a host of smaller companies are all now bigger companies.

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Stevie Wonder: Benevolent Optimism With a Warning

By Jon Pareles New York Times Service

EW YORK - There's a typical Stevie Wonder moment at the the end of "My Love Is With You," from his new album, 'Conversation Peace."

He's repeating, "My love is with you" and "I'm with you," while in the background, perfectly meshed into the rhythm and then emerging, is a chant: "Ban the

In the song, and throughout Wonder's career, benevolent optimism collides with concrete problems; for the moment, music holds them in an unlikely balance.

For more than two decades, Wonder, now 44, has occupied his own pop universe. He was a teenage prodigy in the 1960s, letting loose his serpentine vocals

he broke free and started creating most of his music by himself in the studio, overdubbing every instrument he could play (keyboards, drums, harmonica); as synthesizers have improved, Wonder's sonic vocabulary has grown richer. His private musical laboratory isn't cold

or sterile. He knows how to make machines sound perky, playful, even cuddly, with little squiggles and tendrils of improvisation poking out of mechanical patterns. On "Conversation Peace," he's not alone; Anita Baker, Branford Marsalis. Ladysmith Black Mambazo and others

Wonder turns up periodically on the pop charts, most recently with his theme for Spike Lec's 1991 film "Jungle Fever,"

and jazzy harmonies even within the hit-factory routine of Motown Records.

But with "Music of My Mind" in 1972, recording schedule has grown more leisurely, with four-year gaps between al-

> Wonder seems to float outside pop's day-to-day bustle. He also stands apart from a pop attitude that is increasingly fragmented and self-absorbed, atomized. His songs insist that community still mat-

Wonder's music embraces multitudes, and he knows how to adapt virtually every style to his gift for melodies and hooks.
Although most of his tmess for the sound-track of "Jungle Fever" were unmemorable Wandship he his fever were unmemorable Wandship he his fewer were unmemorable was a second to the history of the history o ble, Wonder is back in form on "Conversation Peace" (Motown). The new songs hum themselves, flaunting their melodies before their eclecticism, even as Wonder's palette keeps expanding.

Jamaican dance-hall rapping opens
"Tomorrow Robins Will Sing," which
turns into light reggae; big-band horns card
through "Edge of Eternity." Funk makes
way for gospel in "Take the Time Out"; a

way for gospel in "Take the Time Out"; a jazzy vamp carries "Sensuous Whisper," with verses that syncopate like scat-sing-

N old-fashioned Motown beat pushes "Sorry"; hip-hop rhythms percolate in "Rain Your Love Down" and "Cold Chill," and as always, there are lush ballads.

Wonder doesn't want to shut out any good idea, old or new, And few performers in secular music are so determined to promote positive thoughts: encouraging compassion and unity, spreading love both personal and collective.

patient - and womied.

In "Rain Your Love Down," which opens the album, he prays for a purgative rain to "rid this world of drugs, disease, crime and pain"; if he weren't calling for love, he might be invoking Noah's flood. "Conversation Peace" ends with its smooth but somber title song, which starts by contemplating millenniums of "man-kind's atrocities to man." As the choir

Sounds of Blackness joins in, Wonder chides, "There's no way we'll reach our greatest heights / Unless we heed the call / Me for you, you for me."

The universal coalition in his music is a model for the utopian dreams in his lyrics.

The music keeps promising the release of a gospel chorus but descends back to its

mournful minor key. Wonder likes to leave listeners smiling; this time, his warning is

The oddest song on the album remains "My Love Is With You." In the verses, "My Love is with Tou." in the verses, Wonder sings about getting killed as a bystander on gang-war turf: "A shower of bullets rang out / Mistakenly my life was done." Then he decides, "Though my life they've taken / They can't take what we shared " and he moves into a celebratory shared," and he moves into a celebratory (and catchy) chorus, bestowing love in every season, for all family and friends:

But tucked in among the percussion, helping to drive the rhythm track, is a sampled gunshot, which works its way back up to the surface of the music. Wonder is necessary and a sampled to the surface of the music. der is pouring out love and melody, all the pleasure he knows how to generate. But in the end he can no longer be sure that good intentions will make a difference.

Havel's Farce With Chilly Center

By Sheridan Morley International Herold Tribune

ONDON - At the Orange Tree in Richmond, where 20 years ago Sam Walters pioneered the plays of Vaclav Havel, only later to have the pleasure of flying out to Prague for a quiet consultation with his house dramatist and finding the said dramatist on a balcony waving at a vast throng of the people who had just elected him their president, there is now a welcome revival of "The Memorandum." Havel's satire on office politics as a microcosm for the national variety may have grown a little creaky of late, but this is still a sprightly farce with a chilly center.

What I had never noticed until now is the curious proximity of Havel to Michael Frayn: both as dramatists are essentially satirists obsessed with the escalating chaos of bureaucracy and the absolute logic with which it descends into nightmare. In "The Memorandum" we are dealing with the sudden imposition of a new and latterly incomprehensible language which is to be used by all personnel at all times and in all

tioning of where it came from, who de-signed it or for what purpose; in its own malign way, it actually creates work for teachers and secretaries, as well as affording new rungs on the career ladder for the ambitious, new banana skins for the acci-

dent-prone to trip over. Clearly Havel was attacking the Czech regime of the middle 1960s, but "The Memorandum" can be read to apply any-

LONDON THEATER

where that authority is frightening, anywhere that a system has been devised and imposed on individual freedom and per-

sonal anarchy.
Walters's splendidly Kalkaesque production has strong farcical turns from Ian Angus Wilkie as the silent but all-knowing Mr. Pillar and John Baddeley as the manic teacher, as well as a powerful stage debut by Victoria Hamilton.

It would be unforgivably impertinent and un-Scandinavian of me to suggest that if the world is going to end abruptly in our lifespan we may as well be in Denmark at the time, but that is certainly the thought prompted by Astrid Saalbach's "Morning & Evening" which (in translation by Michael The language itself becomes a uniform, taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with taken on obediently by all with no questieves a distribution of the cheerful people to have dinner with the cheerful people to have din

season for new writing in recent memory. A new play from Scandinavia is indeed a London rarity, even on the fringe, and it's not as though I was expecting "Peer Gynt:" but Saalbach's defiantly obscure, elliptical series of pre-intermission sketches, followed by a lengthy alfresco dinner party at which the apocalypse comes all too slowly, is not exactly an advertisement for what we have been missing.

The director, John Dove, has gathered a starry cast, (Polly Adams, Selina Cadell, Reece Dinsdale), who must be under the impression that something meaningful is going on here, but quite what is never clear. The natural order has broken down, the stars and moon have disappeared and there is birdsong at midnight; but across moody, marital-breakdown dialogues all we really get is a sense of vague irritation among Copenhagen's affluent elite, who might as well be regretting the absence of a caterer for all the feeling we get of any-thing terrible happening out there. Speeches lifted out of context are usual-

ly unfair, but when a character starts telling us that "we live as in a dream but the alarm bells are ringing and our cosy nests are no longer safe," it is perhaps a good idea to wake up and try to find some more cheerful people to have dinner with. Either



Thomas Moser, left, as Peter Grimes and Gregory Yurisich as Balstrode in Britten's opera.

Grimes': Britten's Classic Loner

By David Stevens ational Herald Tribune

ARIS — Sull riding high on the triumph of Henry Purcell's "King Arthur," the Théâtre du Châtelet has done a fast-forward leap of 250 years with a powerful production of the work that put England back on the musical theater map in this century, Benjamin Britten's "Peter Grimes."

The world premiere of this opera just after the end of the war in 1945 not only ended a large void in English musical life, but announced the arrival of one of this century's major operatic composers, and the beginning of a steady output of distinctive works for the musical stage that did not end until "Death in Venice" almost 30

Based on "The Borough," the 1810 nar-rative poem by George Crabbe about life in the Suffolk fishing village of Aldeburgh
— where Britten established his music festival — the libretto presents a rich variety of local characters but concentrates on the title part of a fisherman, a classic outsider arouses the fatal hostility of the townspecple, even though he dreams of a more conventional life.

The title role has been associated mainly with two tenors. Peter Pears, Britten's companion and a singer for whom he wrote many major roles, brought to it a reedy, almost disembodied tone, but great expressive power. Later, Jon Vickers endowed the part with Wagnerian amplitude

Here, the American tenor Thomas Moser positions himself somewhere be-tween the two. His strong and clear lyric voice rides easily through the heavy vocal surf, and physically he is convincing as a paranoid loner, although not always well served by Adolf Dresen's sometimes excessively frenetic stage movements.

Britten brought a powerful cohesiveness to the score with the six orchestral interludes that precede each of the scenes after the prologue. They give each of the com-poser's three acts an uninterrupted musical arch, and even with the work divided by a single intermission, as it is here, the contimity remains. The score was delivered with eloquence and dramatic power by Jeffrey Tate and the Philharmonia Orches-tra, which spends part of each season in residence at the Châtelet, and an entirely anglophone cast.

Nancy Gustafson made a youthful and sympathetic widow as Ellen Orford, whose sentimentality is ultimately unheapful to Grimes, and Gregory Yurisich was stal-wart as the old salt Balstrode, who finally Grimes to go to sea and scuttle his boat and himself. Anne Collins as the pub owner, Sarah Walker as the slightly cracked Mrs. Sedley, Stafford Dean as the lawyer, and Alexander Oliver as the clergyman, stood out in a large cast.

Mathias Fischer-Dieskau's sets and Bettina Juliane Walter's costumes, reinforced by Robert Bryan's sensitive lighting, adroitly evoked the atmosphere of the rough-hewn North Sea fishing town, as seen and musical activities.

and barely contained physical violence. from different angles at different hours. Dresen's stage direction did not always solve the conflict of emphasizing the crowd while also bringing out the individuality of many smaller roles. And the mime worked out for the mute role of Peter's apprentice was unconvincing, consisting mainly of the fetal position.

Remaining performances are March 20, and April 2 and 4.

T 80, any appearance by Carlo Maria Giufini is to be treasured, definitely including his series of concerts with the Orchestre de Paris and its chorus in which Schubert's final Mass, in E flat (D.950), was the principal offering.

Written in the final year of the compos-er's short me, between the great C major symphony and the quinter, it is strangely conventional, yet intermittently of deep feeling and powerful dramatic impact.

Giulini drew the most from a score that looks both backward to classical structure and forward to romantic feeling. His expansive and leisurely tempos worked less well with Mozart's Symphony No. 40, although he got playing of intense detail from the orchestra.

The Orchestre de Paris has just reached an accord with the Theatre du Châtelet (both of which have the same general director, Stephane Lissner), under which the Chatelet will become the orchestra's base starting in 1997, and the orchestra will be a major participant in the theater's operatic

Tom Harrell, Redeemed by Music

By Mike Zwerin

ARIS — Catching Tom Harrell in person, you suspect that you are in the presence of someone being redeemed by music. Some sort of state of grace. Of course every serious musi-

cian is in a sense being redeemed by it, but you cannot begin to understand either this man or his clear take on improon top of being a resourceful trumpeter who rarely plays a cliche or repeats an idea, Harrell is a clinically diagnosed paranoid schizophrenic. When he puts his horn to his

lips he is the way normal ought to be, but he shuffles to and from the bandstand like a question mark. Between solos, his head bends down at right angles, eyes on the floor, arms dangling, not a twitch; an immobility way beyond concentration. The word "catatonic" crosses your mind. He credits the times and musicians onmike in a scratchy, spaced-out drone. People who do not understand ask if he is strung out. a question which lost him work ings led him to start playing the before he became such an ac-

the pianist Bill Evans, Django Reinhardt and very few others, Tom Harrell is a color-neutral white jazzman. Recording recently with some of the finest

and lucid playing is in dramatic yogurt jars, bananas, juice and Woody Herman and the Dancontrast to his fragile persona. When he says "I want to put myself on the edge," you won-der just where that night be because he is already further out than most of us can imagine. One thing his musical and verbal personalities have in common is a sly, ironic sense of humor. Folklore has it that one time, checking into a two-room hotel suite, he said: "Gee. This is great. One for each of my personalities."

Thomas Strong Harrell was born in Urbana, Illinois, in 1946, and raised in Los Altos, California, near Stanford University, where his father taught business psychology. His parents' Louis Armstrong recordtrumpet at the age of eight. (He doubles increasingly on the flu-

Like Chet Baker, Stan Getz, gelhorn, a more mellow cousin.) wife thinks I'm mad at her. I'm pe pianist Bill Evans, Django He improvised immediately: afraid I alienate people some-"There didn't seem to be any rules. That appeals to a kid." how. When I first played in an ensemble I felt that the stu-

black trumpet players of the day, according to the producer, "they all deferred to him." Alto whiz Phil Woods, with whom he tains repelled a bright after-His muscular, courageous and a table overflowing with milk containers lip salve and pill bottles. His daily Stelazine, a potent paranoia medicine, is about the he is in the process of investing only thing keeping him out of in his own an institution: "My composing own music: and arranging proficiency picked up considerably when I started taking Stelazine. But I think it depletes my vitamins. I measure my protein intake

> punctuated monotone. Finding words takes time. There is nothing retarded about it, on the contrary. He is a Samuel Beckett in a Snoop Doggy Dog world. He even looks a bit like Beckett. But he gets red in the face, frustrated, angry at him-

If I speak in a low voice my

Kitty

O'Shea's

We were talking in his room dents were making fun of me. in the La Villa hotel in Saint- So I tried to overcome my inse-

worked for years, calls him "the finest jazz improviser today."

noon sum. The room was small. Haden, Joe Lovano, Carla room only for the bed, a chair Bley. Phil Woods and the big Bley, Phil Woods and the big bands of Lionel Hampton, ish Radio in Copenhagen. He even went out on the road with Stan Kenton for a spell. Now in his own band playing his

"Being a bandleader takes away from your concentration. You worry about tempos, what to play next and how to present the music to the people. It's hard to stay focused. The E speaks in a silence- goal is to be totally in the moment. It's easy to fall into what Alan Watts called a split

> This can be difficult for anybody. You wonder about the By Thomas Quinn Curtiss monumental effort it must take monumental effort it must take on the part of somebody in his condition.

"Maybe this isn't healthy,"
He lowered his head, raised he laughed, "but sometimes it's his eyebrows and smiled rue- easier for me to get into the fully: "I guess I have a tenden- music when I'm feeling decy to sound angry when I talk. pressed. I guess it's easier to be If I speak in a low voice my humble then."

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Schiller at Comédie Française

ARIS — Friedrich von Schiller's "Kabale und Liebe" made its debut in 1784, but its message resonates today: A more humane justice must guide hu-

Schiller adopted a direct, sented in Paris as "Intrigue et Amour*).

Luise Miller, a musician's daughter, falls in love with Ferdinand, the son of a President Walter Father Miller disapproves as does the president, who hopes to marry his son to a duchess. The scheming of the ruling class causes the death of the young lovers.

Marcel Barwal, a director of

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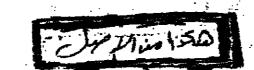
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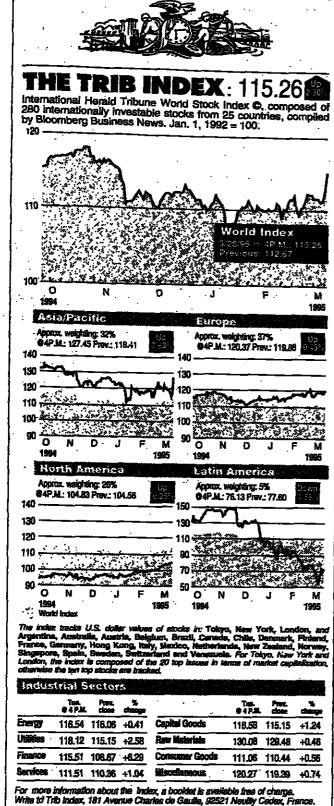
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Dollar **Pummels** The DAX

Currency Menaces German Exports

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches FRANKFURT - The leading German stock index fell to an 18-month low on Tuesday as large foreign investors sold shares amid concern that the weak U.S. dollar would reduce carnings for exporters.

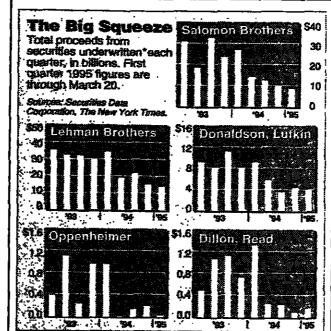
"The dollar is very serious for automakers and machinery makers," said Yuval Lapide, an institutional derivatives salesman at ABN-AMRO Bank Deutschland. "The U.S. is their main market, but they don't have a foothold there to produce."

The DAX index plummeted 35.93 points, closing at 1,910.96, down 1.85 percent from the final tally on Monday. The index's last fall to the 1,910 level came on Sept. 30, 1993, when it closed at 1,909.97. The index has lost about 10 percent since the beginming of March.

All but one of the 30 compa-nies in the DAX fell Tuesday. The exception was the machinery concern Deutsche Babcock AG. which rose 2 Deutsche marks (\$1.25), to 157 DM. Earlier this month, the company announced earnings well above expectations.

Among stocks leading the de-cline were Deutsche Bank, which fell 14.7 DM, to 647 DM; Daimler-Benz AG, which slid 14.5 DM, to 607 DM; and Mannesmann AG, the plant and ma-chinery concern, which fell 17.6 DM, 10 355.20 DM. All were hurt by dollar-related concerns.

"Foreigners are just getting out of there," said Ed Strauss, a trader at Bayerische Vereinsbank AG in Munich. The dollar closed in Frankfort at 1.4005 DM, down from 1.4058 in New York on Monday. In the past three months, the dollar has lost over 9 percent against the mark.



A 'Big Squeeze' Holds Wall Street **Up for Plucking**

By Peter Truell and Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Such is the turmoil on Wall Street that 2 Dutch bank whose name looks like a verb suffix may end up controlling two of its most venerable firms.

After one of the industry's worst years, many brokerage companies are being squeezed by declining revenue and their efforts to adjust, or just to survive, could reshape much of Wall Street in the months ahead.

Several firms are starting to feel they may need outside partners, extra equity capital and perhaps even an outright buyer. The company that many in the industry expect to be sold soon is Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp., a premier research firm that also has strong trading and under-

Insiders say there is also a likelihood of major changes in ownership and capital structure at such other well-known firms as Oppenheimer & Co., Dillon, Read & Co. and perhaps Lehman Brothers Inc. and even mighty Salomon Inc. itself. "The big squeeze is coming," the chief executive of Salo-

mon Brothers Inc., the Salomon brokerage unit, Deryck C. Manghan, frequently tells his colleagues. To which one of

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New Sony President Aims At U.S. Info Highway

By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune

TOKYO — The incoming president of Sony Corp, said Tuesday that the long-term future of the company that invented the Walkman and spearheaded Japan's move into Hollywood would hinge on entering the communications business, distributing entertainment program-

ming via cable television and satellites.

Nobuyuki Idei also made clear that these business opportunities lay primarily in the United States, not Japan, where regulations have stifled the spread of cable and satellite channels as well as the technological innovation needed to turn them into new businesses.

"My dream is to fill a gap between content creation and content consumption," said Mr. Idei, outlining his vision in his first interview since being named as Sony's president last week. "In the long range, the big opportunities lie here."

His comments provided the clearest confirmation yet that the strategic agenda of Japan's consumer-electronics industry is being determined by

events in the United States rather than Japan.

Mr. Idei, who will assume his new post next month, hinted that Sony might swap part of its loss-ridden Hollywood operations, Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., to gain a foothold in cable TV operations in the United States. "Having Hollywood with the Sony Group has a

ing Sony's strategic interests could be served as group of mainly U.S. computer and telecomlong as it maintained managerial control. Over the past year, Sony has ventured into the

Earlier this month, it bought out partner Time Warner Inc.'s 50 percent stake in SW Networks, a U.S. syndicator of radio programming.

In January, it joined four other record compa-nies in buying a 50 percent stake in Channel V the intelligence in its consumer-electronics prod-

to develop TV set-top boxes that will bring a range of multimedia services into the home, and it has begun a service that helps Japanese companies set up pages on the Internet's World Wide Web. But the major business prospects created by

the merger of computers and telecommunications will not be pioneered in Japan. "The oppor-tunity will come first in the U.S.," Mr. Idei said.

"America is about 10 years ahead of Japan."
The strategic importance of the United States helps to explain why Mr. Idei, 57, was able to leapfrog over two managerial ranks to become Sony's next president, replacing Norio Ohga, 65, who will become chairman. He will be the first nonengineer to lead Sony.

He takes over during a period of financial and technological turmoil.

In November, Sony Pictures took \$3.2 billion in write-offs and losses after a series of box-office flops and managerial excesses. Shortly thereafter, Akio Morita, Sony's co-founder and leading visionary, retired because of health reasons. Margins on Sony's core consumer electronics business also are being pressured by the strong yen and competition from low-cost Asian competitors.

Last year, the company underwent a sweeping reorganization designed to increase the independence of its operating units.

More wrenching changes may be in store as the spread of digital technology blurs the lines very important meaning for us." he said. "But how between consumer electronics and computers to manage it is another matter." he added, indicatand thrusts Sony into direct competition with a munications companies.

"Today our competitors are Panasonic or Philbusiness of distributing entertainment software. ips, but they are also teams playing the same Earlier this month, it bought out partner Time game on the same field," Mr. Idei said. "In future, we have to face different competitors, like Compaq, Dell Computer and Apple Computer."

from STAR TV, the Asian regional satellite ucts, which, unlike personal computers, have broadcaster. It also tied up with Microsoft Corp., traditionally been passive devices.

Police Question French Executive

PARIS — The deputy chair-man of Compagnie Generale des Eaux, France's water-treatment and construction concern, was interrogated by police Tuesday regarding false-billing allega-tions against the company.

trate for questioning, said a po-Eaux spokesman confirmed be held in detention. that Mr. Deschamps was questioned but refused to give further details.

The magistrate was investigating allegations regarding Jean-Dominique Des- payments to two research champs, the deputy chairman, groups linked to France's Com-

Police would not say if lice spokesman who insisted on charges would be filed against anonymity. A Générale des Mr. Deschamps or if he would

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IBM's New Digital Religion

By Steve Lohr

EW YORK - The Vatican Library was founded in 1451 by Pope Nich-clas V. It houses 1.5 million books and 150,000 manuscripts, including the oldest known manuscript of the Bible, and is visited by only 2,000 scholars a year.

But International Business Machines

Corp., as part of a new business push annonnced Monday, intends to help the Vatican open its archives to the computing masses.

"All these wonderful books are only of use if they're read," said the Rev. Leonard Boyle, prefect of the Vatican Library. He said the IBM project would put the library's manuscripts and texts in digital form as a way of broadening the library's reach.

IBM, meanwhile, intends to expand into a field of information technology that focuses

field of information technology that focuses mainly on large corporations, universities and cultural institutions.

The technology initiative, called the IBM Digital Library, is the company's effort to carve out a profitable niche on the so-called

information highway.

IBM's approach with this move appears to be focused on specific, near-term ventures. instead of opportunities like movies-on-demand, which could be a huge business but only years from now. "This isn't a vision," said Steven A. Mills, general manager of IBM's software solutions division. "These software tools are all available now." At a press conference at the New York Public Library, company executives dis-

cussed a series of projects already under way to help companies and institutions transform New York Times Service

text, art, films and music into digital form. The projects include ones with the Vatican, the Los Angeles City Public Library, Indiana University and Telstar Holdings, a British company that markets copyrighted music.

Some of the Vatican manuscripts are likely to be available on the Internet, the worldwide computer network, and IBM is also working on software that offers copyright protection.

Hank Leingang, chief information officer of Viacom Inc., says IBM seems to be taking a sensible, step-by-step approach to software for the information highway. "The speed at which the business units move toward the ultimate solution — being fully digitized will depend not only on what is technologically possible, but also what is commercially able," he said.

With its software initiative, IBM is presenting itself as a company that offers all the tools for digitizing an information business: storage, data-base searching, rights management and distribution. But analysts say IBM must be careful to make sure each of its software tools works with industry-standard hardware

and software, especially personal computers.
In the past, IBM has been hurt by trying to sell its proprietary software, even when lower-cost alternatives that run on personal com-puters were available. IBM executives insisted that the company would not make that mistake this time.

"We're committed to delivering these solutions on any platform, from PCs to main-frames," Mr. Mills said.

The Limited To Spin Off Clothes Units

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Limited Inc., seeking to revive a sagging share price, plans to spin off a portion of its lingerie and women's apparel businesses, the company said Tuesday.

One of the new companies would include The Limited's successful lingerie and fragrance operations, such as Victoria's Secret. The other would include its lagging women's ap-parel chains, such as Express and Limited. The Limited would retain its men's clothing stores, including Structure and Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

The move is aimed at getting share prices that better reflect the impressive gains at The Limited's lingerie, personal-care and men's apparel businesses. For the past three years, its stock has been held down by disappointing sales at the women's apparel business, which account for 60 percent of sales.

Wall Street welcomed the news and Limited share prices rose \$1.75 in late New York trading, to \$21.375.

The retailer may also sell a majority interest in its credit card business, World Financial Network/Limited Credit Services, it said. (Bloomberg, AP)

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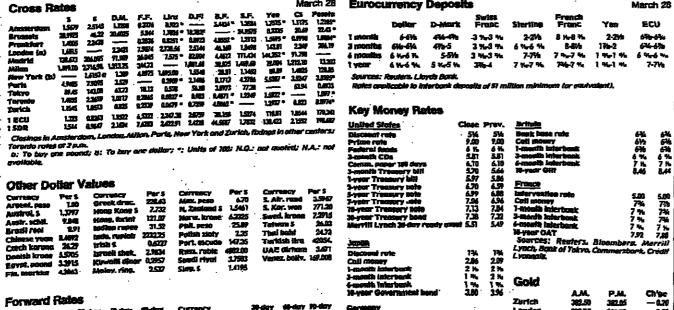
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LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) — Teledyne Inc. said Tuesday it was putting itself up for sale, in a move that could obstruct WHX Corp.'s hostile attempt to take over the company.

The conglomerate, which makes a broad collection of products

ranging from the Water Pik tooth-cleaning device to aircraft engines, said it was responding to "expressions of interest from third parties other than WHX Corp."

The decision to invite other bidders sent the company's stock up \$3.875. to \$26.625.

Teledyne said it was providing WHX the opportunity to participate in the process on the same basis as any other bidder. Last year, Teledyne rejected a \$22-a-share bid from WHX.

• Marley PLC, a British plastic, concrete and clay products maker, said Tuesday it agreed to pay \$140 million in cash for Syroco Inc., a U.S. plastic furniture maker, to increase its plastic-and-resin-

• Tele-Communications Inc. has said it was no longer interested in buying Time Warner Inc.'s 19.4 percent stake in Turner Broadcasting System Inc.

• Chrysler Corp. said Monday it would replace the rear door latches of all the minivans it built between 1984 through 1994, up to 4.5 million vehicles in North America, in a move calculated to salvage the company's image for safety-consciousness, rather than to fix an actual defect.

 Delta Air Lines said it expected its costs to be reduced by \$1.2 billion in the year to June, with staff levels down by 10,000, in line with last year's objectives. The airline expects to return to breake-AFX, AP, NYT, Bloomberg

Green Light for Brazil's Carmakers Stocks Get Nicked

By James Brooke New York Times Service

SAO PAULO - Aiming to make Brazil a leading world car manufacturer by the end of the decade, the four biggest car makers in Brazil are doubling their investment, and new companies are planning to start assembly lines in this country.

In rapid succession over the last few weeks, Ford Motor Co. announced a \$2 billion investment; General Motors Corp., a \$2 billion expansion, and Volkswagen AG. \$3 billion. Fiat SpA said it intended to invest \$1 billion in Brazil and \$600 million in Argentina. Fiat's operation in Brazil is the Italian company's largest and most profitable.

We are making investments far in excess of what we have ever done here," said Gurminder Bedi, president of Ford's Argentina and Brazil divisions. "In developed countries, automobile markets grow by 2 percent a year. Here, it could easily grow by 5 to 7 percent."

By Stuart Elliott

New York Times Service

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NEW YORK -- Volkswagen of Ameri-

After sharply increasing vehicle produc-tion since 1990 — to 1,583,000 last year from 915,000 - Brazil intends to double. production again by the year 2000. Surpassing Italy in 1993 and the former republics of the Soviet Union in 1994, Brazil

expects this year to overtake Britain. Its boom is part of a larger shift of car manufacturing to third world countries

Automakers scramble for market share in Asia, Page 15.

with cheaper labor costs. In general, auto production stagnated in the last decade in the world's four largest car-making countries - the United States, Japan, Germany and France, In the same period, it doubled in India, tripled in Mexico, quadrupled in China and increased eightfold in South

The Koreans built their industry by nurturing national companies behind high tariff walls that blocked virtually all auto imports. Brazil encouraged multinational

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The Volkswagen review began in early December with the dismissal of Berlin

Cameron Doyle in New York, the Volks-

wagen agency since July 1993, which will

end its work on the account on Friday and

close, reopening on Monday as the New York office of Fallon McElligott.

lis, withdrew earlier this month.

tige attached to car assignments.

since 1990, Brazil has dropped import bans, forcing manufacturers to upgrade their assembly lines to successfully compete with the rest of the world.

As investments pour into Brazil's automobile industry, centered in the industrial belt around São Paulo, Brazilian-made cars are expected to win more international acceptance. Last year, about a quarter of the cars made in Brazil were exported.

For the moment, though, car makers are scrambling to keep up with domestic demand. Brazil is enjoying its lowest infla-tion in a decade — about 1.5 percent monthly. From a monthly high of 50 percent last June, inflation has been driven down by a combination of a balanced budget and a shift to a new, dollar-linked

With consumer confidence soaring, Brazil's economy expanded last year by 5.7 percent, the highest rate in a decade.

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companies to set up manufacturing operations behind similar tariff barriers. But since 1990 Brazil has dropped import

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks round of stock profit-taking." gave light ground on Tuesday as Treasury bonds and the dollar weakened, but traders said they doubted that the market's record-setting rally had run out of steam.

The market came under further pressure as the Federal Re-

U.S. Stocks

serve Board's policymaking Federal Open Market Committee convened for a meeting, even though few analysts expected a change in interest-rate policy to emerge from the meeting. When it was over, the Fed said there would not be a policy

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 5.53 points lower, at 4,151.81, as gainers slightly outnumbers losing shares. Technology and retail issues allowed the market to regain ground lost early in the session.

The yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose to 7.38 percent from 7.32 percent Needham, which Advertising Age reported on Monday after a report last week was "said to have the inside track." DDB Needham handles accounts showed consumer confidence unexpectedly rose this month, prompting concern that infla-No one, it seemed, considered Arnold tion would accelerate.

"Today's higher confidence numbers were a surprise," said Volkswagen becomes the largest account for Arnold Fortuna, which includes on its Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany. The expectation was a decline,

and it's the excuse that led to a

correction in bond prices and a "I don't sense we're at the top

yet," said Joseph DeMarco, head of equity trading at HSBC Asset Management. The market shows an awful lot of resiliency. Everyone is expecting a pullback, but I just don't see that it's ready.

The Nasdaq over-the-counter index broke ranks with the Big Board and rose 3.54 points, to a fourth consecutive record of 826.17, buoyed by gains in technology stocks.

Retailing stocks rallied after Limited Inc. announced plans to spin off stakes in several businesses as a way to revive its sagging share price. Limited surged 2½ to 22½, Gap rose 1 to 33%, Dayton-Hudson rose 1¼ to 72½ and Penney added 1% to 46.

Meanwhile, a host of technology companies advanced amid continued confidence rising demand for their products will drive up carnings.

Micron Technology soared 4% to 84% after announcing a 2for-1 split and raising its dividend. Intel rose 1 to 881/2 and Texas instruments increased

11/4 to 973%. But Apple Computer fell 2 13/16 to 34% after Salomon Brothers lowered its investment opinion to "underperform" from "hold." Other makers of personal computers also weakened. IBM dropped 1/2 to 841/2.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

Fed Stands Pat on Rates as Economy Sends Mixed Signals

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - With the U.S. economy sending uncertain signals whether higher interest rates have done enough to rein in inflation, Federal Reserve Board policymakers decided Tuesday to stand pat and see what happens during a particularly delicate passage for the business cycle this spring.

The Federal Open Market Committee, which has pushed up interest rates in small steps during the past year, adjourned its regular meeting without

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anouncing any action. It is to meet again on May 23.

The dollar slipped against other macurrencies amid expectations that the Fed would not raise interest rates. The dollar closed Tuesday in New York at 1.3890 Deutsche marks, down from a close on Monday at 1.4058 DM. and at 88.890 year, down from 89.405.

U.S. unit fell to 1.1462 Swiss francs on Tuesday from 1.1597 francs on Monday and to 4.8975 French francs from 4.9490 francs. The pound climbed to \$1.6153 from \$1.5964.

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"The Fed didn't do anything," said prices. Because increased interest rates ready to cut production. The threat of That was expected, and the expecta- seeing around corners.

tions triggered dollar selling."

Foreign Exchange

Against other major currencies, the economy back from last year's growth rate of 4 percent to about 2.5 percent, keeping inflation around 3 percent in a difficult maneuver that economists call a "soft landing" because it avoids im-

Increased interest rates have begun The Fed's goal is to throttle the to restrain consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of the U.S. economy. Sales of antomobiles, homes and retail merchandise are growing more slowly than they had been, and this was reflected in a slowdown in

orders for durable goods last month. Most manufacturers have been producing goods flat out, which could the Fed's next move, or in July, if

Frank Conte, deputy chief currency take nine months or more to bite, suc- a stall tends to stay the Fed's hand, dealer at Royal Bank of Canada, cessfully steering such a course is like and during the month a number of Fed governors have hinted they are satisfied with the economy's course.

Statistics are always more volatile early in the year because of the post-Christmas slackening and the vagaries of winter weather. This year as much as \$8 billion in income tax refunds may have been delayed in a govewnment campaign against widespread fraud.

Economists are looking to May for posing a recession to check rising leave them overstocked this spring and economic signals are still uncertain.

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One-Time Gains And Small Cars Benefit Renault

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Renault SA, France's largest car and truck own efforts," Mr. Schweitzer maker, said 1994 net profit said. "I'm not expecting any tax more than tripled, aided prigains or exceptional gains this marily by one-time items and buoyant sales of small cars.

Net profit surged to 3.64 billion French francs (\$733.0 million) in 1994 from 1.07 billion francs in 1993. Operating profit soared to 2.32 billion francs from 609 billion francs, while ly, the company chalked up a revenue rose 5.2 percent, to tax gain of 219 million francs as 178.5 billion francs.

The company, which said it expected further improvement this year, also said it would raise its dividend to 3.5 francs per share in 1994 from 2 francs in the previous year.

The carmaker's share price rose 2.70 francs, to 173.20

Alluding to recent strikes, Renault said industrial action since March 7 cost the company 200 million to 300 million nault plants, the executive said.

It also said it had no debt on its books at the end of last year after working down a debt load that had stood at 7.85 billion francs at the end of the previous

But the earnings picture was Bayerische Motoren Werke affected by several one-time AG, Mercedes-Benz AG, gains and Renault Chairman Volkswagen AG and Adam Louis Schweitzer said that it Opel AG have all forecast profwould not happen this year.

"I expect higher 1995 results that will stem from Renault's

In 1994, results were buoyed by a one-time gain of 688 million francs that mostly stemmed from the partial sale of shares in Renault's former partner Volvo AB. Additionalwell as solid results from a unit

in Argentina.
"We still have Volvo shares," Mr. Schweitzer said, but Renault has not decided yet when to sell them. Renault, which held 20 percent of Volvo, has so far sold an 8 percent stake.

The company said that small-car sales had been boosted by government incentive plans in both France and Spain.

The strong earnings report highlighted a general return to health for the European auto francs. About 35,000 fewer ve-industry. Analysts said the hicles had been produced at Restage of a recovery and could grow 10 percent this year.

Renault was the only European carmaker in 1993 to make a profit at all. But carmakers throughout Europe are expected to return to profit in 1994.

its for 1994. (Bloomberg, AFP)

Cost Controls Aid Ciba **Profit Grows 7% Despite Strong Franc**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BASEL - Ciba-Geigy AG, the Swiss pharmaceutical and chemical conglomerate, said Tuesday that its 1994 net profit rose by more than 7 percent as cost-cutting measures helped counter a strong Swiss franc and a

consequent drop in pharmaceutical sales. The company said 1994 profit was 1.91 billion Swiss francs (\$1.64 billion), up from 1.78 billion francs in 1993. Ciba-Geigy also said it would increase dividend payments by 13 percent, to 17 francs per share, the company's fourth consecutive annual increase. Ciba-Geigy said it cut costs by about 881 million francs in 1994.

The company's registered shares rose 12 francs, to 752 francs, in Basel after the results.

Alex Kraner, Ciba-Geigy's chairman and chief executive, said the results confirmed that efforts to improve productivity and effi-ciency were paying off. "This achievement is all the more noteworthy given the difficult external operating conditions and the partial masking of the full extent of our success due to the strength of the Swiss franc," he said. The Swiss franc surged by 13.75 percent

tween 2 percent and 12 percent against other major currencies. A strong franc makes export-oriented Ciba-Geigy's products expensive in foreign markets.

Sales in 1994, when calculated in Swiss currency, reached 22.05 billion francs, down 2.6 percent from 1993. When figured in local, national currencies, however, sales rose 4 percent. Operating profit in local currencies rose 40 percent last year.

Their profit rise is extraordinarily good, especially operating profit," said Birgit Kul-hoff, a pharmaceutical sector analyst at Union Bank of Switzerland.

Ciba-Geigy is the largest of the three Baselbased drug multinationals. The others are Sandoz AG and Roche Holding AG.

In a change of strategy, Sandoz announced last week that it planned to make its chemi-cals division independent, possibly with a view to selling it later. But Mr. Krauer said he saw no "compelling reason" for Ciba to acquire Sandoz' chemical business, adding that given intensifying pricing pressure and com-petition in the healthcare sector it was best to adopt a "prudent spreading of risk." (AP, Bloomberg)

Hoechst Gearing Up for Acquisition

against the U.S. dollar last year, and by be-

FRANKFURT - Hoechst AG, the German chemicals and pharmaceuticals concern, said Tuesday it could finance a \$7.1 billion acquisition of the U.S. drug maker Marion Merrell Dow Inc. without issuing stock.

Hoechst has been negotiating to buy Mar-ion Merrill Dow, which is 71 percent-owned by the U.S. conglomerate Dow Chemical Co., for more than six months.

Jürgen Dormann, Hoechst's chief executive, said the short-term costs of the acquisition - which he estimated would take at least 500 million Deutsche marks (\$314.4 million) out of 1995 net profit - were justified by

long-term earnings potential.
"Our vision, to be the leading chemical and pharmaceutical company worldwide, cannot be realized without a strong position in the U.S.A.," he said, adding that he expected the acquisition to take three more months to

Mr. Dormann said he also expected Hoechst's operating profit to grow by 15 percent in 1995 and its net profit to be "at least as good" as the 1.36 billion DM profit posted by the company in 1994.

Hoechst's shares fell 9.80 DM in Frankfurt, to close at 279,20 DM.

EU Pushed For Quick **CL Ruling**

PARIS - Complaints to the European Commission about the French bailout of Crédit Lyonnais have put pressure on the European Union's executive body to quickly rule on whether or not the rescue plan is anti-

The chief banking rivals of Credit Lyonnais, Societe Genérale SA and Banque Nationale de Paris SA, have sent a joint letter to the commission protesting against the plan.

The two banks claims the plan will cost French taxpayers about 7 billion francs (\$1.4 billion) a year.

A spokesman for the European Commission's competition section, said the group had received details of the plan from the French government and would discuss it April 12,

But he said the complaints had "added to the urgency of the inquiry."

Société Générale said Monday it might challenge the bailout plan in the European Court of Justice.

In Paris, the Finance Minis-

try is facing questions and criticism from politicans. Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery on Tuesday appeared before the finance com-

mittee of the National Assembly to present the bailout plan. On Wednesday, he is to appear before a Senate committee to defend the program that takes 135 billion francs (\$27.28 billion) of the bank's loans off

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 Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's largest bank, said it would pay an unchanged dividend for 1994 of 16.50 Deutsche marks (\$10.36) per share but would add a bonus dividend of 3 DM. The bank also said it would ask shareholders for the authority to raise capital by 100 million DM and that it had transferred 650 million DM (\$407.1 million) to reserves.

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 Dresduer Bank AG, Germany's second-largest bank, said it would pay an unchanged of 1994 payout of 13.50 DM. It also said it would transfer 397.1 billion DM to reserves in its consolidated accounts, less than the previous year's transfer of 481 million DM.

General Motors Europe will invest 257 million DM in its Hungarian operations in order to double production, according to Hungarian press reports.

• Volkswagen AG's Spanish unit SEAT has narrowed its loss to around 500 million DM in 1994 from 1.84 billion DM in 1993, sources close to the company said. Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA said its 1994 net profit rose 4

percent, to 6.63 billion Belgian francs (\$227.64 million), largely because of contributions from minority holdings. • KLM Royal Dutch Airlines said it was weighing a takeover of the

travel services company Holland International with the majority shareholder, Kaufuof Holding AG of Germany, which currently holds 91 percent. KLM now holds 9 percent. chairman of Deutsche Telekom, the daily Süddeutsche • SNIA SpA, a Fiat SpA holding company for chemicals and biomedical units, said profit surged in 1994 to 34.1 billion lire (\$19.89 million) from 1.7 billion lire the year before. Zeitung said on Tuesday, Reu-

• Lindt & Sprüngli AG, the Swiss chocolate maker that marked its 150th anniversary recently by sending a package of chocolates to every household in Switzerland, said profit fell 4 percent in 1994,

to 38.1 million Swiss francs (\$32.73 million), and cited the effects sory board is expected to vote of the sharp rise of the franc against other currencies. • Elf Aquitaine, the French oil company, said it had agreed to pay the Republic of Congo's government \$50 million to buy its 25 percent stake in Elf Congo, leaving Elf Aquitaine sole owner.

• Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. said 1994 pretax profit fell 33 percent, to £349.5 million (\$557.98 million), reflect-ing fewer sales of major assets. Reuers, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP, AP

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Leeds-Halifax **Merger Sealed**

Bloomberg Business News LONDON - Britain's High Court on Tuesday approved the proposed merg-er of Halifax Building Socicty and Leeds Permanent **Building Society.**

Analysts said the ruling paved the way for other mortgage lenders to merge and trade publicly. The merged company would be the No. 3 British bank with

EU Hints German Plan Could Ease Atlas Approval

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Commission welcomed Germany's plan to deregulate its telecommunications market and said Tuesday that the proposal could help win regulatory approval of Deutsche Telekom AG's planned joint venture with France Telecom SA.

On Monday, Wolfgang telecommunications minister. said the government would

phone market in 1998. He also sion officials would have talks the EU trade commissioner, said Germany would allow mo- with French officials soon said he was prepared to remove bile telephone companies to about the country's telephone barriers to foreign investment build and to operate their own networks before 1998.

"This is something certainly which goes in the right direction," said Karel van Miert, the parallel, there should be enough Such steps would be aimed at European Union competition commissioner.

Asked whether the move would help win Commission indicated Germany and France zation next year, he said. approval of Deutsche Tele-must step up the pace of liberaljoint venture with France Tele-com, Mr. van Miert added, "There is some link I think."

Mr. van Miert said commisliberalization. He said the com- in EU phone companies if the mission's requirement for approving telecommunications alon its promise to do the same. liances was that "at least in opening up so that proper com-reaching a global accord on

petition can be organized." The United States also has tion in the World Trade Organimust step up the pace of liberalplanned purchase of 20 percent of Sprint Corp. by Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom. The president of Sony Europe, Ron Sommer, is seen as

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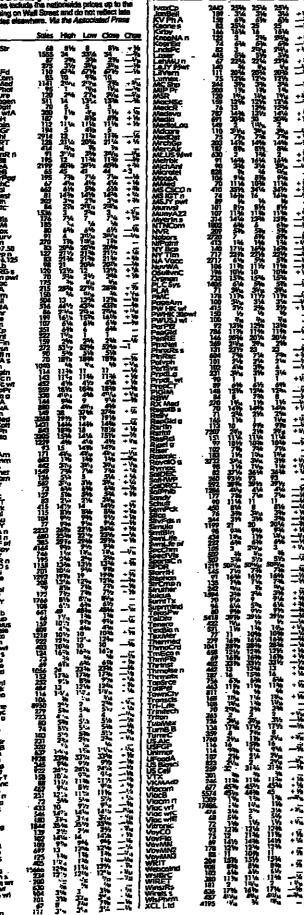
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telecommunications liberalizaon Mr. Sommer's nomination at a meeting on Wednesday, the paper said.

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The chairman's seat has been vacant since Helmut Ricke re-signed at the end of last year.

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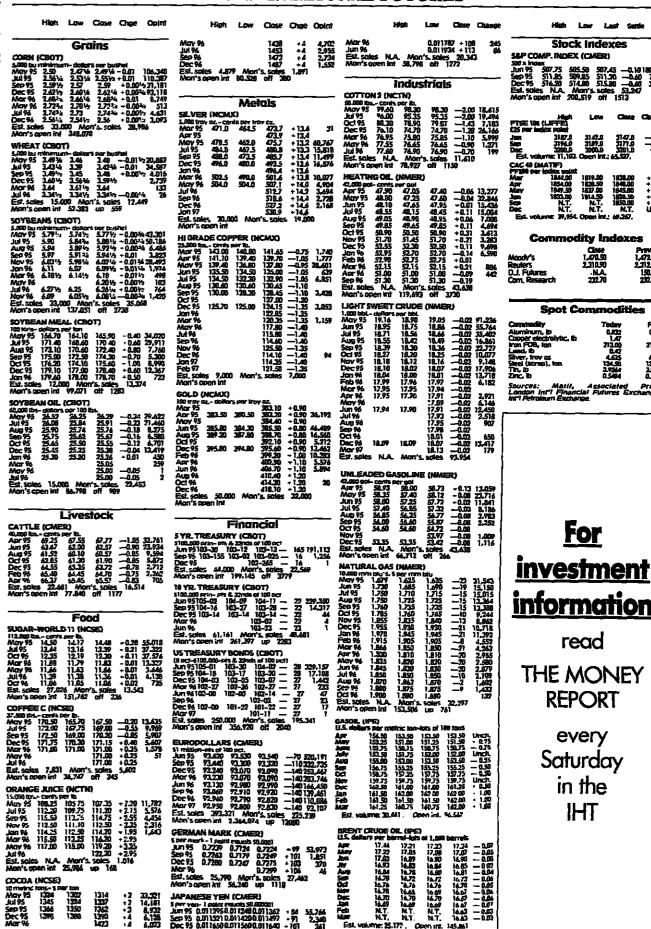
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Hopes for Lower Rates Spur Markets in Tokyo

TOKYO -- Growing hopes for an interestrate reduction galvanized Japan's financial markets on Tuesday as the Nikkei stock index jumped 3.6 percent, bond prices soared and the main three-month market interest rate fell to a

Traders and analysts said it appeared almost certain the central bank would cut its key interest rate to curb appreciation of the yen and boost the sluggish economy.

The focus has now shifted to when and how

much the Bank of Japan will lower the discount rate early in the new fiscal year, rate," said Daisuke Pujisawa, assistant manager at Tokai Bank.

Speculation about a cut in official interest rates was spurred Monday when Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura said Japan would follow a "flexible monetary policy" to cope with the strong yen and slumping stock prices.

The discount rate - the rate at which the central bank makes overnight loans to commer-cial banks — stands at 1.75 percent, unchanged since September 1993.

Mr. Takemura denied that his comments were intended as a public appeal to the central bank "An interest rate cut is a matter to be decided by the Bank of Japan," he said.

The Nikkei Stock Average jumped 585.48 points, to 16,681.73, while the price of the benchmark No. 174 10-year government bond rose to revenue abroad, climbed 80 yen, to 4,380. Stock in Toyota Motor Corp. advanced 40 yen, to 3.71 percent from 3.86 percent. Closely watched 1,700. It receives 34 percent of its revenues from three-month certificates of deposit were issued at a record low rate of 1.95 percent, down sharply from Monday's 2.10 percent.

helped by news reports that Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi Bank would merge to form the world's largest commercial bank.

That would be good news for a troubled industry," said Joji Maki, fund manager at Nik-

ko Securities Investment Trust & Management

Gains in banking and brokerage stocks fueled the market's advance. Many traders expect a 0.5 percentage point cut

"The market has completely factored in a discount rate cut," said Yoichi Muto, a dealer with Yasuda Trust & Banking Co. Business leaders have been urging a discount rate cut as a way to halt appreciation of the yen, which threatens Japanese exporters. The dollar fell to a record low of 88.20 yen in New York last

Thursday. On Tuesday, the dollar closed at 89.45 yen in Tokyo, up from 88.65 on Monday. "It may not happen today, but everyone is expecting lower rates," said Kazuma Yoshimura, a trader at Nikko Securities Ltd. "The dollar's

revival above 89 yen is also good news." Shares in companies that rely on export sales rose with the dollar. Toshiba Corp., which gets 27 percent of its revenue abroad, climbed 13 yen,

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Affiliates Weigh on 3 Japan Banks

TOKYO - Three medium-sized banks in western Japan — Bank of Osaka Ltd., Fukutoku Bank Ltd. and Hanwa Bank Ltd. - predicted Tuesday they would post losses for the current financial year after disposing of bad loans incurred by nonbank affiliates.

They've all clearly been brought back to earth with a jolt," said Mark Fankner, an analyst at S. G. Warburg. They we cut their dividends, and they're recognizing substantial losses which they were hoping not to disclose."

Analysts said the recognition by the banks that nonbank affiliates have been a drag on overall profitability may be positive for them.

"The outlook for these banks has been very negative because it's been assumed that they would have to rehabilitate their ailing nonbanks over a prolonged period of time," said Linda Daquil, an analyst at Lehman Brothers.

After writing off bad loans, the banks may be able to turn a profit as early as next financial year, Ms. Daquil said. But at the banks, only Hanwa executives were that optimistic. They predicted any dividend for the six-month period ending on current, operating and net profit next year.

One reason the regional banks may have been forced to report these losses now, Mr. Faulkner said, is the recent weakness in Japanese stock prices. Since the earthquake in Kobe in January, Japan's benchmark Nikkei index has dropped more than 10 percent, although its strong rise on Tuesday recouped some of the earlier losses. The weak market means the banks could not sell securities that had advanced in price to offset the charges for the nonbank affiliates.

Bank of Osaka said it would report 30 billion en (\$338.4 million) in current losses for the financial year as a result of writing off bad loans incurred by its three nonbank affiliates. It said it would liquidate the affiliates and would cut its dividend to 1.50 yen from 3 yen.

Fukutoku Bank forecast a loss of 8 billion yen and said it would liquidate six affiliates and cut its dividend in half, to 1.50 yen.

Hanwa Bank said it would report 5.90 billion yen in current losses for the year and would dispose of nonperforming loans incurred by its two nonbank affiliates. It said it would not pay March 31.

Sega Leads Switch In Japan's Tactics On Chinese Piracy

TOKYO — In Beijing early this month, Chinese officials and executives from Sega Enterprises Ltd. walked into a cavernous, nondescript building and found what they were looking for: counterfeit Sega vid-

co-game players.
The raid, one of seven in the Chinese capital by agents of China's State Adinistration for Industry and Commerce on the morning of March 9, signaled the beginning of an active role for Japanese companies in what has been mainly an American-led fight against piracy in China.

"We sent them a message that we're not just sitting back and watching," said Kiichi Nishikura, Sega's general counsel. "It was a good day's work."

Sega's raids came shortly after Washington and Beijing signed an agreement on copyright protection.

In its agreement with the United States, China promised measures to clamp down on piracy, such as cre-ating special task forces with powers to raid and arrest counterfeiters.

Now the Japanese, whose electronics makers have suffered for years at the hands of Chinese counterfeiters, are stirring.

The head of Japan's Pat-ent Office called for improved intellectual-property protection at a meeting with Chinese patent officials in Beijing this week.

He carried a list, compiled by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. of Chinese patent violations reported by Japanese companies in the last year, a ministry official said.

The list included video games, motorcycles, cassette tapes, watches and even zip fasteners that Japanese makers say have been copied.

"Sega is leading the way in the Japanese fight against copyright violations," said

Clifford Borg-Marks, a China law consultant at the Hong Kong office of Baker & McKenzie, a Chicago-

based law firm. Sega's sales in China and Hong Kong are about 1 bil-lion yen (\$11.3 million) a year, the company said. Sega said about 95 percent of Sega games sold in China and about half of those sold in Hong Kong were fakes.

This month's raids also uncovered a network of Russian traders in Beijing who smuggle fake goods home. "There were actually two Russians in the building at the time," Mr. Nishikura said. "They didn't seem to

know what was going on at first and just continued negotiating their next shipment." The raids did not produce any arrests, because the agents of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce do not have the power to detain suspects. The agency issues a warning that authorizes prosecution

if violations are repeated. An official of the trademark office of the administration in Beijing, who asked not to be named, said it was easy for foreign companies to get alleged trademark violations investigated

"They can go to the local branch of our administration, who will conduct an investigation and carry out punishments according to the law," the official said. "If the company thinks the punishment is not strong enough, it can take criminal procedures in court, where the maximum sentence pos-sible is seven years in jail."

Mr. Borg-Marks, who has five years' experience of intellectual property cases in China, says the country deserves credit for its efforts to crack down on violators.

"China has done a lot in a short time, but you've got to expect it will take some time for an awareness of the meaning of copyright to sink

Beijing Lets The People Be Surfers On Internet

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BEIJING - The information superhighway will reach China next month, as the government officially opens the Internet to the public, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications said

The move, which theoretically grants 1.3 billion Chinese access to the vast web of computer networks, could have startling ramifications in a country in which access to information is strictly controlled.

In reality, only a tiny fraction of the population has enough money and equipment to access the Internet, but analysts say the potential number of users is significant: Sales of personal computers in China are surging, totaling nearly 300,000 last year.

The Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications as saying the move would allow Chinese users "to enjoy all of the information resources on the Internet."

Until now, the lack of an Internet gateway in China meant the high cost of using the network restricted access to a few major educational institutions, the armed forces and some government ministries.

Universities were at the center of the political discontent that led to the 1989 pro-democracy movement, and one obvious consequence of public In-ternet access would be the potential for political dissent to Overseas Chinese scholars

and students already use the network to send anti-govern-ment material, which will presumably be available to individual users on the mainland.

However, while there is technically no way of restricting access to the network, one western analyst said the state monopoly on providing Internet service in China would enable the authorities to set prohibitive user fees.

Access to the Internet can only be made through the China Public Packet Switching Data Network and the China Public Data and Digital Net-

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Australia's antitrust regulator dropped its objections to the proposed merger between the oil companies Ampol Ltd. and Caltex Australia Ltd., allowing the stalled 3.1 billion Australian dollar (\$2.25 billion) plan to proceed.

 Japan's Fair Trade Commission has ordered Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and Sony Corp. to pay a total 84.23 million yen (\$942,000) in surcharges for rigging bids to make undue profits on public sports facilities.

 Japanese motor vehicle exports in February declined 1.6 percent from a year earlier, to 374,171 units, after a 23 percent drop in January, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association said.

• Henderson Land Development Co.'s first half profit jumped 62 percent, to 3.8 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$491.4 million), despite a slump in the Hong Kong property market, because of pre-sales of new housing units.

• Acer Inc. will issue a stock dividend of 4 Taiwan dollars (15 cents) per share for 1994; Taiwan's leading computer maker also plans to issue global depositary receipts. China Pacific Insurance Co. has paid \$160 million in compensa-

tion to Asia-Pacific Communication Satellite Co. for an unsuccessful satellite launch in January, the insurer said. Taiwan and China are expected to have record indirect trade of

\$20 billion this year, up from 1994's \$16.51 billion.

· China's electronics industry is expected to show 20 percent growth in output this year, compared with 1994, with production of 220 billion yuan (\$26.16 billion), the Ministry of Electronics Industry said. Exports were predicted to be about \$12 billion of that, the Xinhua news agency said, quoting the ministry. China is expected to import about the same number of vehicles in

1995 as it did last year, when imports were 281,421, according to Chen Ping, deputy general manager of the China Trading Center for Imported Vehicles. Mr. Chen the the number of cars will rise from the 34,638 ordered last year, reflecting demand from taxi companies and the private sector.

 Indonesia's gross domestic product jump 1994 from 6.5 percent the previous year and is expected to continue increasing. Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg

Carmakers Fight for Pieces of Asian Pie A Potentially Huge Middle Class Forces a Scramble for Deals

HONG KONG — The giant carmakers of Europe, the United States, Japan and South Korea have gone into top gear for what is becoming one of the great industry battles of the late 20th century.

As countries such as China and India open their doors to foreigners, boardrooms from Detroit to Scoul are waking up to the enormous potential of the world's fastest-growing economic region.

At least six foreign carmakers are already involved in jointventure or co-production agreements in China, which is expected to become a huge market for cars over the next 15 years. India's economic reforms launched in 1991 are also open-

ing its roads to foreign cars.
Asia offers more than just the future promise of the world's two most populous nations.

The phenomenal growth of South Korea, Taiwan, and the six countries that make up the Association of South East Asin Nations — Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — has meant skyrocketing demand for cars from a burgeoning middle class. Combined car sales in these eight countries are likely exceed 5 million units this year.

Japan has been the traditional supplier of small- and medium-sized passenger cars to the region. But now in China, for example, Volkswagen AG, PSA Peugeot Citroen SA, Renault and Chrysler Corp. have joined battle with the Japanese.

China's domestic motor-vehicle production is expected to reach 3 million units by 2000 and 6 million by 2010.

The big change in opening up the Chinese market came last May, when Beijing reversed de-cades of support for public transport and bicycles and said a capital-intensive family-car industry would become a pillar

of the economy.

More than 20 global carmakers came to a show in Beijing in November where they vied for the right to co-produce what the government dubbed the Family Car China, a robust inexpensive small car.

Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. launched aggressive bids, with Ford pledging to invest well over \$1 billion to make China its main Asian pro-

duction base. In Thailand, where 1995 sales are estimated to be double those made in 1991, Japan's

unit of General Motors, and Volvo AB of Sweden have recently made progress.

Sales of Japanese cars in

Thailand have dropped to about 71 percent of the market from 85 percent in 1992. Skoda Automobilova AS, the

Czech unit of Volkswagen, is expected to enter Thailand this year and Chrysler will be the first American carmaker to start local production. Malaysia provides a contrast.

Car sales there are expected to rise 22 percent, to 190,000, this year, but the market is dominated by Proton, the so-called national car made by a joint venand Mitsubishi Motors Corp. of

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Carmakers have been flocking to the Philippines in anticipation of a surging market. New entrants to the market include Bayerische Motoren Werke AG of Germany, Volvo, Proton and Kia Motors Corp. of South Korea.

India also offers opportuni-ties for foreign carmakers, and a number are about to go into ture between the government production.

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Sales of vehicles in Vietnam mostly imported, totaled 11,500 in 1994 and should reach 60,000 in 2000, according to Automo-tive Resources Asia, an industry consultanc.

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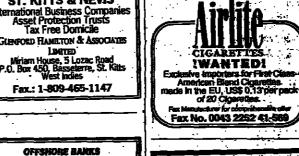
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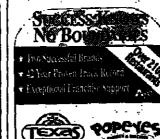
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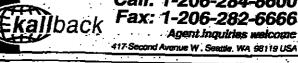
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FIRMS: Facing Decliring Profit After a Disastrous 1994, Wall Street Looks Outside for Helping Hands

them has this comment: "One way to avoid the big squeeze is to be acquired."

Maybe it had to end this way. The financial follies of the last year — from phantom bond-trading profits at Kidder, Peabody Group Inc. to derivatives-trading fiascos that bankrupted a California country a California county and a British banking company — bat-tered the reputations and bot-tom lines of some of Wall

Street's profits. The sharp rise in interest rates last year contributed to the bond market's collapse and to a drop-off in the industry's underwriting business. In the retrenchment that followed, thousands of traders and executives were laid off and the survivors often saw their bonuses slashed

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Last week, Lehman Brothers Inc. had several billion dollars of its debt downgraded by Moody's Investors Service Inc., and there is speculation that other firms will soon meet similar fates. On Tuesday, Standard & Poor's Corp. put six securities firms on warning that their rat-ings outlooks were negative and said Lehman's remained in that

Category.

"Invisions conditions con-"Turbulent conditions continue to plague the global capital and currency markets," S&P dance as possible. A commercial bank buyer or investor, particularly a foreign bank, might well fit the bill, staffers erating performance already depressed by reduced volumes and lower margins in core busi- a hot firm, and it looks better nesses." The firms affected than anything else out there," were Bear Stearns Cos., CS
First Boston Group Inc., Golmdan Sachs Group Inc., Paine Webber Group and Salomon Inc.

Competition on Wall Street promises to get more intense as peers. It made \$205 million in the legal barriers crumble between commercial and investment banking. The prospect is leaving some firms feeling more vulnerable than ever - and is spurring them to scramble for

ways to get bigger and stronger.
The biggest and most profitable securities houses, such as Merrill Lynch & Co., Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs are less affected by the tough business climate. But for the smaller firms, there are plenty of potential buyers.

One acquisition-minded foreign company is Internationale comment on rumors.
Nederlanden Groep NV, which
John S. Chalsty, Do rescued Britain's 233-year-old month after a Barings trader was blamed for losing more than \$1 billion betting on Japan nese stocks and bonds.

In buying Barings, ING acquired a 40 percent stake in Dillon, Read, and some people

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Dillon, Read stake, or to make

a play for another firm, or both. For their own reasons, the owners of some investment houses are ready to sell Insiders at Donaldson, Lufkin say the company had informal discussions with commercial banks interested in buying into their company; the same is true

at Oppenheimer. Wall Street's recent troubles Street's proudest investment houses.

Beyond those scandals, larger forces were pummeling Wall Street. In 1990, the giant Swiss bank acquired a majority stake in First Boston Corp., which it renamed CS First Boston. Altogether, it has pumped nearly \$800 million into its American unit, with lackluster results.

Nevertheless, 1995 is shaping up as a propitious year for big banking groups with lots of cash to make their move. "You're not getting consolidation, so much as survivors," says James P. Hanbury, an analyst who follows the brokerage industry for Wertheim Schroder & Co.

Here is a look at the pros pects for five firms that could make news this year.

Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette would like to find a way of increasing its capital, while re-

"DLJ may trade because it's than anything else out there," said a former Lehman Brothers partner who follows the brokerage industry.

That is partly because the firm has recently been more successful than most of its pretax profit in 1994, when many competitors reported losses, comfortably outper-forming the average for the industry.

lts profitability makes this an attractive time for the firm's owner, Equitable Cos., to sell. Indeed, the brokerage house S.G. Warburg & Co. recently cited "the possible sale of DLJ in 1995 or 1996" as one reason for recommending Equitable stock to its clients.

A spokeswoman for Equitable said the company did not John S. Chalsty, Donaldson,

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speculate that its ambition for a bigger presence on Wall Street may lead it to bid for a bigger reluctant to talk about the possibility of a bigger breaches and the possibility of a contract.

Mr. Robert and Mr. Gantcher to stay on under a management to stay on under a manag sale. However, he has reminded colleagues that the firm, as an independent business, is earn-

ing good returns for its owners and has added that it is always nice to have strong capital backing DLJ, which has equity capital, and net book value, of \$1 billion, would sell for be-tween 1.5 and 2 times that amount, analysts estimated.

• Oppenheimer Group has talked to ING about the possibility of being acquired by the Dutch financial conglomerate, according to people at both companies. Oppenheimer's chairman, Stephen Robert, and its president, Nathan Gantcher — who together control some 40 percent of Oppenheimer, ac-cording to a company insider — are said to be interested in selling their stakes.

They've built the business and now they want to cash out," prospective buyer would want currently owned by ING.

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gest financial businesses, is apparently eager to expand in speculate that it may wish to America's financial capital, not hold onto the stake or could least because it does so much even seek to acquire Dillon, trading in New York after Eu- Read. ropean markets close. Oppen-heimer, with a sizable trading business, would fit that need.

businesses in developing na- and buy their company. Its U.S. tions over the last decade. corporate finance focus would ING's recent acquisition of not be attractive to ING, they Barings, however, has delayed said.

any potential purchase of Oppenheimer, Wall Street analysts said wanted to maintain its in-

Dillon, Read, once one of the biggest investment houses and still a strength in corporate finance, expects to buy back the said the insider, who assumes a 40 percent of its shares that are

ING, one of Europe's 10 big-gest financial businesses, is ap-U.S. markets, leading to some

ING also may offer the stake to other interested parties, de-spite Dillon, Read's stated de-In addition, Oppenheimer sire to buy the holding back. has built a considerable Latin Dillon, Read insiders said they were confident they would be ness that is particularly attractive to ING, which has assembled a vast network of that ING might turn around

dependence, faces several prob-lems: It needs capital to compete with the biggest companies in the industry, and it has had trouble with internal upheaval.
Also, Moody's last week downgraded the company's senior debt to Baal from A3.

pushing up its financing costs on several billion dollars of debt by at least \$50 million a The rating agency cited con-cerns about the greater risks that Lehman might take to in-crease profits in these leaner times. Such concerns make other Wall Street firms vulnerable, some analysts said. "If you downgrade Lehman, you've got to look at downgrading Salo-mon," said Mr. Hanbury of

Wertheim Schroder. A string of departures has

also recently weakened the huge challenges because of the company's research team, pre-viously one of its trophy assets.

Fred Fraenkel, head of LebUnion Bank of Switzerland man's equity research business. looked over Lehman when took some of the blame for Leh- American Express Co. was man's slide to ninth place from seeking to sell the company, but second in Institutional Inves-decided that such a takeover

Many other analysts - as almost \$400 million and recentmany as one-fifth, according to
one estimate — have flown the
coop in the last six months. Mr.
Fraenkel, who just Firman Selz

The giant investment firm,
New York's premier bond trader, twice last month had to acsoon. He said he thought it back came after 1993's spectac-would succeed in its desire to ular \$827 million net income. remain independent.

tor's ranking of the best re-search firms; he left the firm in February.

was not for them.

Salomon suffered its worst year ever in 1994 with losses of

Inc. as head of that firm's equi-ty research, discounted the no-totaling \$175 million related to tion that Lehman might be sold accounting mistakes. This de-

To be sure, Salomon, with "Investment banking is a common equity of more than \$4 very cyclical business." Mr. billion, and with Warren E. Fraenkel said, meaning that Buffett holding 20 percent of several brokerage houses — in- that amount, is not likely to be a cluding Lehman — now face takeover candidate.

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Net sales for 1994 amounted to FF 27,967 million, up 17.4% over 1993. Income from operations totaled FF 6,804 million, up 21.2%, reflecting higher margins in all of the Group's segments of activities.

Consolidated highlights were as follows

In FF millions	1994	1993		
• Net sales	27,967	23,819		
Income from operations	6,804	5.614		
Net income	6,421	3,574		
Net income, excluding unusual items	3,667	2,972		

The recovery begun in 1993 in most of LVMH's markets accelerated in 1994. It resulted in higher sales for the Group - which generates 85% of its sales outside of France - in all segments of activities and in all geographical markets, with particularly strong growth in the fourth quarter. This upward trend continued in January and February 1995.

By segment of activity, the major highlights of 1994 were:

By segment of activities

In FF millions	Se	ples	Income from operations			
in FF millions	1994	1993	1994	1993 776		
Champagne & wines	5,712	5,444	837			
Cognac & spirits	5,987	5,846	1,969	1,910		
 Luggage & leather goods 	6,716	5,665	3,090	2,318		
 Perfumes & beauty products 	7,686	6,128	1,113	852		
 Other, including holding company expenses 	1,866	736	(205)	(242)		
LVMH TOTAL	27,967	23,819	6,804	5,614		

Champagne & wines: Moët & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Ruinart, Mercier, Canard-Duchène The 8% increase in income from operations reflects higher sales as well as lower grape prices and

production costs. While the environment remains very competitive, the champagne market is recording an overall expansion.

Cognac & spirits: Hennessy, Hine, F.O.V.

The slight improvement in operating margin primarily reflects higher sales volumes, notably in China. Luggage & leather goods: Louis Vuitton, Loewe, Berluti The dramatic increase in sales and ongoing productivity gains at all levels of the organization led to a 33%

rise in income from operations. The success of new product lines was confirmed.

Perfumes & beauty products: Christian Dior, Guerlain, Givenchy, Kenzo, Christian Lacroix

The 31 % increase in income from operations, achieved despite considerably higher advertising and promotional expenditures, reflects the success of recent launches and the popularity of the segment's new products, notably Tendre Poison and Dior Svelte at Parfums Christian Dior, Fleur d'Interdit and Insensé Ultramarine at Parfums Givenchy, and Kasháya de Kenzo. The integration of Guerlain and Kenzo also contributed to the increase in sales.

Guinness PLC, in which LVMH is the largest shareholder with a 20% interest, recorded a 6% increase in net income.

In addition, a number of transactions completed during the year considerably enhanced the Group's financial structure. Total stockholders' equity rose by FF 11.6 billion to FF 35.3 billion at 1994 year end. Net financial borrowings declined from FF 15.8 billion at 1993 year end to FF 3.4 billion at 1994 year end. As a result, the Group's debt-to-total assets ratio stood at 5% at 1994 year end. As a result, net financial expense declined by 44% in 1994, and is expected to be cut in half in 1995.

In 1995, economic growth should continue in LVMH's major markets and the Group will pursue aggressively the implementation of its long-term growth strategy based on balance and complementarity among its various brands and activities. If the trends recorded since late 1993 persist, the LVMH Group should continue to record sustained growth in its activities and meet its goal of achieving a very significant increase in 1995 net income.

The Board of Directors will propose to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of June 8, 1995 the distribution of a FF 17.50 net dividend per share payable June 19, 1995.

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France to Ease Advertising-Ban Law That Led to Many TV Sports Blackouts

By Daniel Tilles Special to the Herald Tribune

PARIS - The French Ministry of Youth and Sport is expected to announce, as early as Wednesday, that it will relax the law that now bars the telecasts of foreign sporting events from stadiums in which advertisements for French alcoholic drinks are displayed, officials said Tuesday.

They depicted the decision as the only practical course available. Retaining the ban, they said, would be both unpopular and politically unacceptable as well as financially harmful to French TV networks.

Details of the agreement were still being negotiated Tuesday by officials, advertisers and media representatives but could be

announced as early as Wednesday.

The government has asked for "good faith and moderation" on the part of the French producers of alcoholic drinks and the TV networks when they are showing foreign sporting events, one official said. But the government will no longer bar the showing of these advertisements during

televised matches. The law also forbids broadcasting events where French tobacco companies advertise. Thus, while easing restrictions on advertisements for alcoholic drinks, the decision could open a loophole for French tobacco companies as well. Under the accord, cigarette companies, who face even tighter advertising limitations under French law, could attempt to place adver-

While agreeing this was possible, Michèle Alliot-Marie, the Minister of Youth and Sport, said it was unlikely because tobacco camera view. companies are already permitted to adver-

tise in televised auto races. Failure to reach a compromise could have ultimately resulted on a near-total ban on telecasts of foreign soccer, rugby ing in France for health reasons, continues and ice skating events, sports that have to be highly disruptive to French commerce, been historically supported by French firms selling alcoholic drinks.

At the very least, no one wanted to see a repetition of what occurred March 2. when the network TF1 felt forced at the last minute to cancel a telecast from Lon-favoritism the law permits foreign adverdon of the Cup Winners' Cup soccer tisers, since it makes no provision for bar-

tisement in countries where such advertis-ing is permitted, such as Spain and Italy. and the English team Arsenal because it could not persuade the stadium's owners to remove French advertisements from

> For its part, the government acknowliges that elements of the so-called law Evin, the 1991 legislation which set out to ban almost all tobacco and alcohol advertis-

"There are certain aspects which don't take into account European considerations," said Alliot-Maric.

Especially aggricving was the inherent

investigation by French regulators for al-legedly telecasting sports events from oth-er countries at which such French adver-

disements were displayed.

There was no problem showing Bailey's billboards during a recent European skating match from Birmingham, England," observed Olivier Fisch, an assistant director of operations at TF1.

The decision to repeal the ban seeks to resolve this discrepancy on a European level, while continuing the ban on alcohol advertising in French stadiums from which telecasts are made. One amendment to the law does otherwise permit alcohol advertisements in French stadiums.

Alain Grange Cabane, the director

general for the Union des Annonceurs, said some members of the French advertising trade's organization were opposed to the agreement, in part because of what they say is the questionable legality puland

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of the law. Some lower courts have recently ruled that advertising in sports stadiums should not be considered television advertising because the fees have been paid to stadium owners and not the TV networks. Higher courts have yet to rule on

Alliot-Marie said that "this is a rule which can permit waiting for more European Community-level guidance without penalizing viewers, all the while respecting the spirit of Evin.

An American **Pulling Hard** To Save Oxford

By Ian Thomsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON — The 141st Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race will take place Saturday for roughly 20 minutes and four choppy miles along the Thames. It is no exaggeration to say that three years of Jeremiah McLanahan's life will be invested in those 20 minutes. He is an American from New Canaan, Connecticut, a Yale graduate who came to Oxford three years ago to extend his career in rowing. But he has yet to row in this

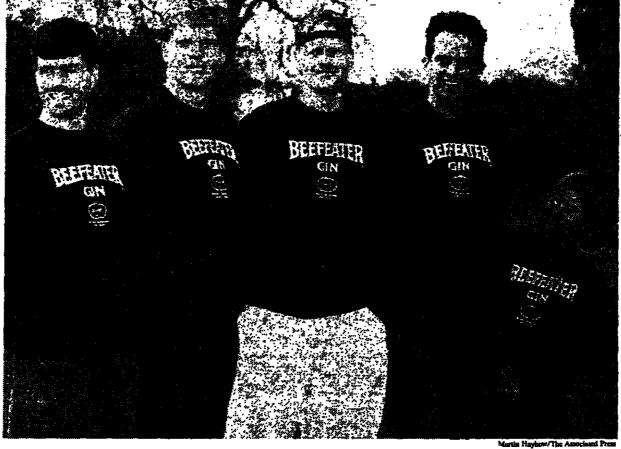
"Unjustifiably, I thought," he said, but his eyes said more. Even when he smiled the eyes didn't forget. He came to study, for certain, but then he could have gone anywhere to study; he came to Oxford to row in the world's greatest

He said that his predecessor selected the team for the last two races arbitrarily, picking personal favorites, wrecking morale, and the results bear that out. Oxford had won in all but one of the previous 17 years — until 1993 and 1994, however, when it was first upset

and then beaten soundly by Cambridge. "After the race last year there was obviously a lot of disappointment," McLanahan said. "I wanted to be sure that I even wanted to be involved again. If I was going to come back, I was going to come back and make a difference. I decided about a month after the race, and the election was three or four days

He was elected president of the boat club. Not team captain; not just a leader of morale. As president, he gained more power than any amateur or college ath-lete in America. The first thing he did was to fire the coaches. Off with their heads. He fired them and then he looked for new ones to replace them. (At the same time he was trying to complete final exams culminating a two-year study of Asian capitalism.) A committee study of Asian capitalism.) A committee old, overlooking the river. He tries not to sought out candidates, but the decision miss any school. He and his teammates usually wins. wasn't made until the American visited who had previously coached Oxford to a record 10 consecutive victories before quitting in 1987.

"He was very, very hungry to win and hungry to put a new organization to-gether," Topolski said. "He had rowed two years in the second boat, and he felt it wasn't sort of a fair policy. They may well have been choosing the best people, but going through the selection process, those people have to keep proving that they're the best, or else the others get



The four American members of the Oxford boat's crew — from left: Garth Rosengren, Laird Reed, Jeremiah McLanahan and Hugh Carroon — towering over teammate Abbie Chapman, who, at 4 feet, 10 inches, on Saturday will become one of the smallest people to compete ever in the annual race against Cambridge.

Topolski is the director of coaching, a consultant legend. The irony is that he left in 1987 following a mutiny by four American students. Now Topolski has returned to a team including four Americans. This year has brought a different sort of mutiny, and there is hope.

Cambridge is the huge favorite, with

five internationals among its rowing eight. There are no internationals in the Oxford boat. It is essentially a club the drafty Oxford Boat House, a century are in the gym working out until classes start at 9 or 10 A.M. Work on the river begins at 2 P.M. for two more hours, with double sessions Saturdays and Sundays. He knows that the Cambridge boat probably cuts short training on bad days; that is his hope, based on two years of complacency viewed firsthand. His regime, the new one at Oxford, has missed only one day of training in what has been a terrible winter of rain and flooding. All of this for 20 minutes on Saturday.

turday.

Last month he brought his team to the next day that the Cambridge man
"I spend 45 hours training each week Putney, where the race will begin Satur- was handing over the trophy.

upset. So he was eager to change that." and another 15 on presidential duties. day afternoon, and he stood up and Ostensibly I'm a full-time student as officially challenged the Cambridge well," said McLanahan, whose thesis president, Richard Phelps, a Briton who this year is economic development in is 29 and a world bronze medalist. Indonesia. "I don't put up with a lot Whereas McLanahan is the 25-year-old when I think things are going wrong. benchwarmer. It was all a memorized bit Basically I've had to rip the guts out of tradition that the presidents repeat the club and rebuild it."

At dinner he might stuff down a pound of pasta and another pound of meat in order to keep up weight. Last said mouth a virus came through the team team. Its president gets up at 6:15 A.M. and knocked 15 pounds (7 kilograms) determined each day to prove that his out of him in four days. The team's place in the boat is earned. He lives in strength has returned to the point that certainly to a stop because McLanahan they now outweigh Cambridge by five

> "Most races are two kilometers along he wouldn't have come back if that were tween their faces. "Should we both hold the case here — there wouldn't have it?" he asked. But McLanshan's hands he wouldn't have come back if that were been any hope. "What makes this race never budged from their military clasp different is it's a lot longer, a twisting behind him, jaw shaped like an imbedcourse with no lanes, and you can steer ded horseshoe, eyes articulating what he in front and take away the inside lane. wanted and how he was planning to get boat get ahead. If they fly, you have to if you didn't know that the holders were fly. If they go, you have to be ready to sure to win for the third straight year, go, whether you wanted to or not."

outside alongside the river. Look at each other, a photographer .. The two presidents turned to face each other a few inches apart. Phelps giggled nervously but then he came un-

wasn't laughing

Let's get the trophy, another photographer said. So now Pheips was holding the tro-That's why you can never let the other it. If you didn't know about reputations, you would have thought in the papers

Surprises in the Offing

nothing, hope can overcome experience. Two of Wednesday's 20 European Championship quali-

fying games might illustrate the point.
In Tel Aviv, Israel's team will take the field believing it can defeat France; in Tbilisi, Georgia will set out to unnerve and humble Germany.

Long shots? Maybe, maybe not. The Israelis,

unbeaten with two victories two draws in 1996 qualifiers, are nothing like the lambs slaughtered, 4-0, in Tel Aviv by the French in February 1993, France, for all its arrogance, fell to Israel in Parc des Princes in Paris when the return leg of that World Cup qualification was played nine months later.

Nine months for the birth of Israeli self-belief. Nine months for the roosters of France to be plucked and climinated from the World Cup because they underestimated what history teaches us never to un-

derestimate in Is- Rob raelis: Fighting Hughes The score stood

at 2 to 1 for France, the clock showed five minutes to qualification, and Israel netted once asked to leave their guns at the entrance. to tie, once to win. It was the most embarrassing French miscalculation imaginable.

Israel, after 16 years in soccer exile because Arab countries would not have it in Asian groups and Europe shunned the cost of security, never really knew how good or how had it could be. "It was only after our integration into Europe"

in 1992 "that we realized bow to train and how to play with discipline," observed Rom Rosenthal, a former soldier from Maccabi Haifa and a wanderer through European clubs from Belgium to England. "The victory in Paris, even if it was lucky, reminded us of what we can do."

Rosenthal on the subject of discipline? Interesting. Some of us saw the best of him at Liverpool, where, often as a substitute, he was thrown into a stalemate to use his speed and his great morthodoxy to score often vital goals.

Discipline? He seems to me to run with the wind of sheer fantasy, to try what disciplined soccer players never try. He trusts intuition, and vhen it serves him well it is unforgettable. He

In the SPACE of a few moments, Rosenthal progress thus far in the qualifying tournament. I had scored twice. In extra time, he scored Twice Germany took on Albania, a team that again and, though his teammates added quite sheds deserters whenever it travels abroad. And

the ball from utterly illogical distances and an- Matthaus.

say it for him: that is the spirit of the Israeli, the (small) countries. We should send them money, Sabra whose very existence depends on never but please don't let them play for points." acknowledging the size of the opposition.

ONDON — In sport, always assuming the game is pure and the fixers have corrupted thing, hope can overcome experience. Two of ednesday's 20 European Championship qualileast as potent a goal sniper. Team spirit is the key, right through to goalkeeper Boni Ginzburg, who performed stoically for two years with Glasgow Rangers, that most Protestant of clubs.

Religion, when it comes to sport, is a thing called winning. And France, having dropped, probably for good, its captain Eric Cantona, might now provide a more disciplined resistance, but from somewhere has to find better finishing than its so far worful tally of two goals in four

The Germans, of course, never lack for discipline. So why question their ability to travel to Georgia and take on the lightweight national team of the new state?

team of the new state? The reasons, are not all sporting ones. Last November, when the Welsh team arrived in Thilisi, its players were unnerved by the austerity, the deprivation, the danger that met them there. Welsh journalists sent home dispatches describing unlit streets, dark moods. A small band of Welsh fans, foelish enough to think of throwing their money at a blackjack table in a casino, were asked to leave their guns at the entrance.

The Welsh do not normally drink like Scots or Irish soccer followers. Yet members of the group swear that they met in the casino a character who brandished his firearm, left the soom for a few moments, and returned. Did they hear the shot? I have just sent a man to beaven, my friends,

No Welshman checked outside. None dured. And what they lost in the casino their team lost on the field, where Georgia shot the defense to pieces with five goals.

MIKE SMITH, Wales's manager, confesses it was a soccer lesson. These who recall the heyday of Georgian football, the stunning Thilisi-side built around such beautiful talents as David Kipiani over a decade ago, can readily believe the skillful way Georgia outplayed Wales, and the threat to Germany on Wednesday. Temoliz Ketsbaiz and Georgi Kinkladze each

scored twice, Shots Arveledge got the fifth, and I swear I have not made up his first name. Germany is not Wales. It has the best pedigree

had such a night a month ago when his latest club, Tottenham Hotspur, was losing by 2-0 in an FA Cup game in Southampton. On came the Israeli, like a whippet from a trap.

Germany is not water at the loss prougation that ever played the game. Yet even with its new captain. Jürgen Kinsmann, and his scoring partner Ulf Kirsten, Israeli, like a whippet from a trap.

perfluous goals to finish the match at 6-2, the twice the 2-1 scoreline flattered Germany, which ball was given to Rosenthal as a keepsake.

in the first game in Trana benefited from some
He earned it. His hat-trick of goals was the
most peculiar I have witnessed in that he struck
tern thanks to an early penalty from Lothar.

gles. He shot, as the saying goes, blind, like a man
buying raffle tickets and winning every time.

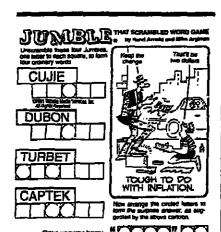
Rosenthal did not speak to us of discipline loses a match, may never live down the boast of that night, only of hope and the optimism to the matonal team's former chief, Franz Beckersone onto the pitch and rescue lost causes. I will beauer. "Sure," he mused, "we should help these

Rab Hogher is on the stoff of The Times.

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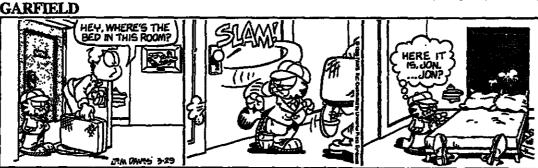


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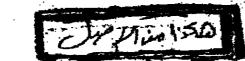




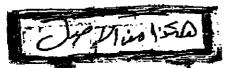
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Mighty Mary Triumphs To Tie Stars & Stripes

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SAN DIEGO — Team New Zealand, behind its astonishing 29-1 record, has secured a berth in the challenger finals of the America's Cup by beating Tag Heuer Challenge, while Dennis Conner's Stars & Stripes faced yet another chal-

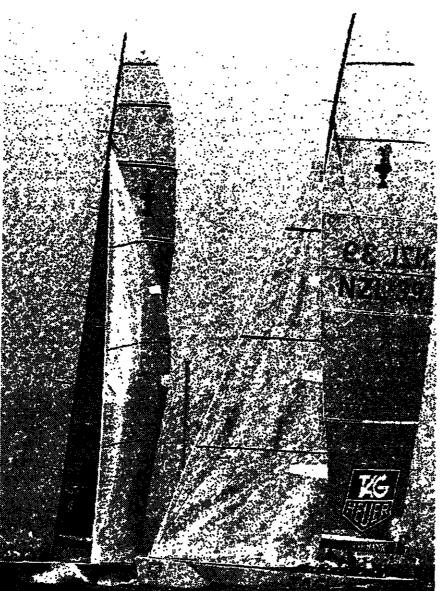
Team New Zealand jumped off the mark with an aggressive start Monday that took Black Magic 1 around the first buoy 51 seconds ahead of Tag Hener. Even a problem with the headstay didn't prevent it from winning by 1 minute. 28 seconds.

oneAustralia forced Nippon over the line before the start and sped off to a victory of 1:10 that moved the Australians one point ahead of Chris Dickson's Tag Hener in the Louis Vuitton Cup standings with five races left.

On the defender course, the America' syndicate's Mighty Mary ended Young America's unbeaten run in the semifinals with a 38-second victory and drew even with the damaged Stars & Stripes.

Conner's crew, meanwhile, was racing the clock to replace a fractured keel fin and repair serious hull damage in time for Tuesday's race against Mighty Mary. "Having America' win a race today didn't help our cause," said Stars &

Stripes' heimsman, Paul Cayard.
He said the crew would work straight through a second night on the repairs. Stars & Stripes took on water and dropped out of Sunday's race with Young America because of the damage, and Cayard said it was thought that the yacht was first dam-



aged by heavy swells during last Friday's victory over Mighty Mary. (Reuters, AP) Black Magic 1 (left) outmaneuvered Tag Hener Challenge and won easily.

Baseball's Owners Offer Concessions Offer Follows Court-Set Friday Hearing on Labor Charges

NEW YORK - After a three-week lull, talks involving the owners of major league baseball and their striking players sprang to life just hours after a federal judge scheduled a hearing for Friday that could lead to the end of the strike.

Judge Sonia Sotomayor of U.S. District Court, who was assigned the case Monday, could issue a preliminary injunction that would end the 71/2-month strike hours before the season is set to start Sunday night

with replacement players.

A few hours after Sotomayor's 30-minute scheduling session, players and owners returned to the bargaining table for the first time since March 4, with management proposing to play the season under the old business rules.

"I would say to you after a lot of agonizing that this proposal is much less than the clubs hoped to achieve," the acting commissioner, Bud Selig, said. "But the clubs recognize that we are at the point in this dispute where both sides must swallow hard to make an agreement."

Under this proposal, starting next year the portions of payrolls above \$44 million, or 108 percent of the average, would be subject to a 50 percent luxury tax. The threshold where the tax would begin is \$3.3 million, or 8 percent more than the owners' previous proposal.

The owners, using many of the recommendations Feb. 7 made by the special mediator, Bill Usery Jr., also offered either to keep the current system of salary arbitration and free agency or to eliminate arbitration and lower the threshold for unrestricted free agency from six years to four. If arbitration is kept, they proposed having a panel of three arbitrators hear each case, instead of one.

In their last offer, owners wanted to eliminate arbitration in exchange for resix years of service.

The economics are changing and getting more negative on a daily basis." Selig said at a late-night news conference. "And that's why we strained to make this offer. But after the season starts, Sunday night, we can't any more calculate what's going to happen. So this offer has got to be

accepted by this weekend." The union's last proposal was for a 25 percent tax on portions of payrolls above 133 percent of the average.

Union officials did not hold a news conference, and the head of the Players Association, Donald Fehr, said only, "I'll get back to Bud tomorrow."

But some on the players' side indicated they were disappointed that Selig said during the meeting that the offer was as far as management could move. Others considered that just a normal bargaining posture.

for a brief by Wednesday, "concentrating on whether the Sunday deadline is significant," and she asked the National Labor Relations Board for a response by the following day.

The players said they would end their strike if Sotomayor issued the injunction, and the union's executive board is scheduled to convene Wednesday in New York to formally pass a resolution stating that.

Many owners are in favor of locking out players if the union ends the strike without an agreement. But it is unclear if they can get the 21 votes among the 28 teams needed to start a lockout.

Daniel Silverman, the New York regional director of the Labor Relations Board, asked Sotomayor to proceed quickly, hoping players would return if the judge "lev-

stricted free agency for those with four to eled the playing field." The board asked for a preliminary injunction that would force owners to restore the free agent bidding and salary arbitration provisions of

the expired labor agreement.

Frank Casey and Chuck O'Connor, lawyers representing the owners, emphasized their view that an injunction would not affect the strike, while urging the judge to

take her time reaching a decision.

"Under federal labor law, what happens in this proceeding has nothing to do with the strike," Casey argued in court.

The owners, who want to eliminate the

old rules, say they have a right under labor law to have the Player Relations Committee, which represents all 28 clubs, negotiate a collective wage for all free agents.

"We simply do not know what the gov-ernment is talking about," Case, said. In a related matter, the union said it had filed a grievance last Friday with the arbitrator George Nicolau, asking that all un-At the courthouse in Manhattan earlier signed players be made free agents. Just in the day, Sotomayor asked the owners for a brief by Wadnesday "account of the 1,069 players on 40-man rosters are signed.

In Washington, the Senate Judiciary Committee's chairman, Orrin G. Hatch. Republican of Utah, introduced another bill that would partially dismantle baseball's antitrust exemption.

Under the bill, the exemption would remain in areas relating to the amateur draft and the minor leagues.

The bill is co-sponsored by three Democratic senators. Daniel Moynihan of New York, Bob Graham of Florida and Pat Leahy of Vermont, and another Republican, Strom Thurmond of South Car-

Governor Parris Glendening signed a Maryland law that bars replacement players from taking the field at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the Baltimore major-league stadium. (AP, NYT, WP)

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Japanese BOC Sailor Is Found Safe

PORT STANLEY, Falkland Islands (Reuters) — Minoru Saito, the Japanese sailor in the BOC challenge with whom contact was lost 25 days earlier, has been sighted off the Falklands by a fishery patrol vessel, officials said Tuesday.

Although he had lost the use of his autopilot and cannot raise his main sail, they said, Saito intended to continue directly to Punta Este in Uruguay without stopping in the Falklands.

But Henry Mitchell, the 70-year-old English sailor, still had not been contacted. He was last heard from a month ago.

Sumo Coming to Vienna and Paris

TOKYO (AP) — A contingent of sumo wrestlers that will include the grand champions Takanohana and Akebono, kimonoed referees and the rest of the supporting cast will put on exhibitions in Vienna and Paris in October, officials said Tuesday.

A "Count Sumo Colo in Vienna" of the the Advisory of the color of the supporting the said Tuesday. A "Grand Sumo Gala in Vienna" on Oct. 8 at the 4,000-seat Austria Center will be followed by an Oct. 13-15 tournament in Paris, the chairman of the Japan Sumo Association said.

For the Record

Pani Gascoigne, the English international and Lazio midfielder who broke his leg a year ago, has been given approval by doctors to resume playing again in two weeks time. (Reuters)

Claude Bez, the former president of the French soccer club Bordeaux, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, with two more suspended, by an appeals court; at his embezzlement trial in January, Bez received a two-year jail sentence with one year

Alan Davies, the first Welsh coach to preside over five straight defeats, assistant Gareth Jenkins and team manager Rob Norster all resigned after a meeting with the Welsh Rugby Union's general John Muckler, the coach of the Buffalo Sabres, was suspended

for three games and fined \$10,000 by the NHL for allegedly slapping a fan following a March 19 loss to Tampa Bay. (AP)
Diame Modahl, the 800-meter runner expected to file an appeal

next month against a four-year ban for drug use, is expecting a baby in October, her husband, Vicente, said in London. (Reuters)

Monica Seles's psychologist, Jerry Russel May of Reno, Nevada, testified at her assailant's re-trial in Hamburg that the tennis player suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

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• Joe Falls in the Detroit News: "The reason ballplayers chew tobacco is to sweeten their breath."

The Final 4: They've Been There Before

By J.A. Adande Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - If March is the maddening month of unpredictability in college

basketball, April is assuredness, Sixty games have shaken all of the upstarts and dreamers and when the semifinals are played Saturday in Seattle they will feature a top seeded team in UCLA, two second seeds in Arkansas and North Carolina and a fourth seed in Oklahoma State that might seem surprising, but only if you forget that the Cowboys were the champions of the Big Eight tournament, a conference that sent five teams into

the NCAA playoffs.
And Oklahoma State certainly has the historical credentials to pain admittance to the Final Four, as the semifinals are called, and which lately have largely been the domain of those with a royal lineage. For the third time in four years, all four participants have won at least

one previous championship. Last year was the exception, when only Duke had won the tournament before, but Arkansas joined the club and is back to defend its title along with a three other teams with well-established traditions.

UCLA owns 10 championship banners, North Carolina has won three and Oklahoma State won in 1945 and '46 before any of its current players - and many of their parents, for that matter — had been

NCAA tournament at four schools, having gotten there be-fore with Creighton, Arkansas and Kentucky. And he is the 11th coach to take two different schools to the Final Four, having made it in 1978 with Arkan-

"It's been a long while, and I've had some chances, but I wasn't sure the opportunity would ever come again," Sutton said after his team beat Massachusetts in the East Regional

A tournament that was so exciting the first weekend has grown less dramatic as it winds down. Twenty of the 48 games in the first two rounds were with nine settled by three points left to play in overtime, yet still or fewer and six going into wound up losing to North Carhowever, none of the games was closer than five points, with just

one going into overtime.

At least the Final Four will have Arkansas, the closest thing to a guaranteed nail-biter in this tournament. The Razorbacks (31-6) won their first three games by a total of eight points, and required two overtimes, before getting a relative breather with a 68-61 victory over Virginia in the Midwest Regional

Ten of the previous 14 NCAA tournament champions won a game by three points or fewer, or in overtime, before reaching the Final Four. But of

winning a game by three points its own record books in Henry or fewer in the Final Four. Iba. Iba, a man so respected

UCLA's coach, Jim Harrick, that most people — even Indigot an up-close look at that ana's irascible Bobby Knight — championship luck, or magic, called him "Mr. Iba," won 767 championship luck, or magic, when he was coaching Pepperdine in 1983. His team had a decided by six points or fewer. six-point lead with 24 seconds overtime.

> when UCLA guard Typs Edney beat Missouri in the second round this year.

"A lot of the things are comwith what we achieved. We set goals for our team in the early part of the year and we've achieved almost every one of them. We still would like to go to Seattle and finish the play."

the four recent champions who face the East Regional champi-didn't have to sweat it out on on Oklahoma State (27-9), the way there, three wound up which has a legendary coach in Heels into 20 turnovers.

games and guided the Cowboys to their two NCAA tournament championships. Coach Dean Smith's North overtime. During the regionals, olina State, 69-67, in double the two previous times the So maybe it was fortune tip- tle's Kingdome, but he is no ping back in Harrick's favor stranger to the Final Four -or

champion was crowned in Seatdomes, for that matter. This drove the length of the court to will be Smith's 10th Final Four, and his fourth appearance in the eight times the event has been held in a dome. He won ing at once," said Harrick. "I the championship in the Louisi-hope that we aren't satisfied ana Superdome in 1982 and

The Tar Heels (28-5) upset top seed Kentucky in the Southeast Regional final, but Nolan Richardson, the Arkansas coach, must be salivating Harrick's Bruins, the cham-like the hog in the Razorbacks pions of the West Regional, will logo at the thought of what his

Marquette, Virginia Tech in NIT Final

NEW YORK - Anthony

Pieper has been up and down for his two seasons at Marquette, and Aaron Hutchins had been down his whole freshman season until five games

The two were on their best The Cowboys' Eddie Sutton ups Monday night, and it got is the only coach to make the Golden Eagles past Penn State, 87-79, and into the NIT

title game.

The Golden Eagles (21-11) will play Virginia Tech, a 71-59 winner over Canisius, on Wednesday night. It will be their third championship game, their only title coming in 1970. Virginia Tech (24-10) beat Marquette, 57-54, in January in Milwaukce.

Pieper had a career-high 32

"Pieper is the picture of consistency, 24 one game, then two, then a great game like this." said Marquette's coach, Mike Deane. "We are a poor shooting team. If we were on a camel in the middle of the desert we couldn't hit sand except for

Hutchins, a 5-foot, 9-inch

points and Hutchins matched struggled from the free throw 17-3.

his career-best with 20 as the line making 10 of their first 23, Golden Eagles rallied from a finally started making foul 16-point deficit and matched shots and went 8 of 10 in the their season-high with 15 3- final two minutes to close within 82-79 with 33 seconds left on two free throws by Danny Earl. But Pieper, Crawford and Faisal Abraham made 5 of 6 foul

shots to ensure victory. Earl led Penn State with 26 points. The Hokies rode the 8-for-10

shooting of guard Damon Wa-tlington and a 50-37 rebound advantage to an easy victory over Canisius (21-13).

guard, has been the hero of Marquette's NIT ride. He has scored 83 of his season total of in the first half, making all five 164 points in the last five games shots he took, four from behind

and is averaging 17.5 points per the 3-point line.

The Nittany Lions, who first nine shots and fell behind,

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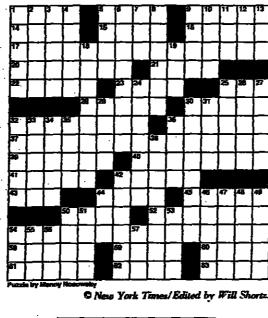
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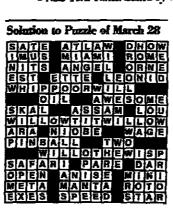
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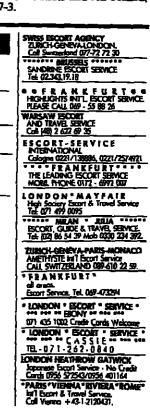
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OBSERVER

A Little Cyber Grouch

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Does your blood run cold, friend, when you read about the glories of "cyberspace"? Do you have to repress a shrick of protest every time you hear or read or think about "the information highway"?

If so, it means you are an old All this is being promoted, stick-in-the-mud and are most notably by Vice President doomed to end up in the dustbin of history unless you surrender immediately and come along quietly into the age of

As a devout reactionary, I naturally despise what these zealous engineers propose to do to us, but cruel experience reminds me it is foolish to oppose them when they are in the heat

of re-inventing the world.

My distaste for this latest creative onset begins with petty, unworthy, whining objections. the population is already going Why, for instance, must they reto have trouble avoiding the a magical, irresistible electronic playground as "cyberspace"?

People capable of afflicting anybody, anything or anyplace with a name like "cyberspace" surely cannot have the spiritual and aesthetic delicacy essential to creation of a magical, irresistible playground, can they?

As for "the information highway," sometimes called "the in-formation superhighway," the underlying assumption strikes me as fatally defective. The modern world is not dying for want of more information. Quite the opposite; its plight is too much information. It is being battered senseless under ava-

lanches of information. Love of gadgetry is involved here. The prospect of hundreds and hundreds of TV channels emptying into our minds, of movies pumping into our eye-balls through the telephone while incoming messages are depleting our fax-paper supply and

our computer is talking to the bank and paying the gas bill.

Already people who once walked abroad on the great green earth and breathed the outdoor air now sit glued through the night to their elec-tronic machines, chatting it up with similarly afflicted cyberspaceniks around the world.

Al Gore, as a blessing for humanity. Still, considering only that part of humanity that is American, it is hard to see how it is going to bless the substantial part of the population that (a) can't afford the machinery and (b) lacks the know-how to make

Many high schools regularly graduate their young so innocent of computer knowledge that they have never worked a keyboard. This considerable part of dustbin of history.

Holding itself together as a nation is already becoming diffi-cult for the United States. The trend everywhere is toward slicing the country into slivers.

Congress, suddenly uneasy with the Union, tries to give power back to single states. Ethnic groups once content to parade one day a year now insist on year-round awareness of their tribal identities. A country that once insisted everybody be "American without a hyphen" is now restoring its hyphens.

Gore apparently sees a happier future in which the good old one nation indivisible will go through life with a laptop on

every knee. Let us hope so. The mood of the prevailing half of the country as expressed in the election just past and by the present Congress does not, however, seem to bode well for cyberspace for all.

New York Times Service

'Gump' Sweeps Oscars, Mikhalkov Gets Foreign Award

By William Grimes
New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - "Forrest Gump," the runaway hit about a simple soul caught up in the most turbulent events of postwar America. triumphed on Monday night at the 67th Academy Awards, sweeping all three major awards for which it was nominated, including best picture. Robert Zemeckis won the Oscar for best director, and Tom Hanks was named best actor for his performance in the title role.

The sweep represented a vote for traditional Hollywood values as the feel-good film triumphed over the rawer, more experimental "Pulp Fic-

"Forrest Gump" also won Oscars for film editing, visual effects and best adapted screenplay, by Eric Roth, based on the no...! by Winston

Hanks, who won last year's Oscar for best actor for "Philadelphia," be-came the first person to receive back-Label Oscars in the category since Spencer Tracy, who won in 1937 and 1938 for "Captains Courageous" and "Boys Town."

The Oscar for best actress went to Jessica Lange for her performance as the manic-depressive wife of an Army officer in "Blue Sky," a film that struggled to make it to theaters after the studio distributing it, Orion Pictures, went bankrupt. Lange won an Oscar as best supporting actress for "Tootsie" in 1982 and had previously been nominated four times as best

Dianne Wiest was named best supporting actress for her performance as

for "Parenthood" in 1989. Martin Landau was named best supporting actor for his performance as an aged Bela Lugosi in "Ed Wood." the director Tim Burton's homage to the hapless director of '50s megabombs like "Plan 9 From Outer Space" and "Bride of the Monster."







an aging Broadway ham with delusions of grandeur in "Bullets Over Broadway." It was Wiest's second Oscar and third nomination in the category. She won for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986 and was nominated

The Oscar for best foreign-language der and marched toward the wings. Went to "Can You Feel the Love Tofilm went to "Burnt by the Sun," a
Quentin Tarantino and Roger might," one of three nominated songs
Avary, who wrote "Pulp Fiction," from "The Lion King," all of them
won the Oscar for best original screen-Russian film directed by Nikita Mik-halkov. Mikhalkov brought his young daughter onstage, calling her the only actress with whom he had never experienced any problems. He then lifted her up, slung her over his shoul-

Hans Zimmer's score for "The Lion King" received the Oscar for musical score. The Oscar for original song or of his work as a film producer.

night," one of three nominated songs from "The Lion King," all of them composed by Elton John with lyrics by Tim Rice.

Clint Eastwood received the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award in hon-

Malpaso, the film company he founded 25 years ago, has produced 30 films, including "Unforgiven," "White Hunter, Black Heart," "Tightrope," "Rird," "Magnum Force" and "High Plains Drifter." The award was presented by Arnold Schwarzeneger, who called Eastwood "a Hollywood institution." institution."

In accepting the award, Eastwood turned to Schwarzenegger and said. Thank you, my son. He added, If I were in Dirty Harry's sights and he

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said, 'Do you feel indy?', I'd say
'You're damn right I do.'

A special Oscar for lifetime achievement was presented by Jack Nicholson to the Italian director Michelangelo Antonioni, whose films include
"L'Avventura," "La Notte," "BlowUp," and "The Passenger."
The Oscar for costume design went

to "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." In an evening notable for its lack of outrageous attire, Lizzy Gardiner, who accepted the award with her co-winner, Tim Chappel, made a vivid impression in a dress made of American Express gold cards.

The other winners: The other winners:

ART DIRECTION: Ken Adam and Carolyn
Scott, "The Madness of King George III."

CINEMATOGRAPHY: John Toll, "Legends of the Fail."

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: Freida Lee
Mock and Terry Sanders, "Maya Lin: A Strong
Clear Vision."

DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT:
Charles Gurgenheim, "A Time for Justice."

FILM EDITING: Arthur Schmidt, "Forcest
Gramp."

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MAKEUP: Rick Beker, Ve Neill and Yolanda Toussieng, "Ed Wood."

ANIMATED SHORT FILM: Alison Sounden and David Fine, "Bob's Birthday."

LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM (Tie): Peter Capaldi and Ruth Kenley-Letts, "Franz Rafina's It's a Wonderful Life," and Peggy Rajshi and Randy Stone, "Trevor."

SOUND: Gregg Landsker, Steve Maslow, Bob Beemer and David R.B. MacMillan, "Speed."

"Social" SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: Stephen Runter Fisk, "Speed."
VISUAL EFFECTS: Ken Raison, George Murphy, Stephen Rosenhaum and Allen Rail, "Forrest Gump."

Previously announced: IEAN HERSHOLT HUMANITARIAN

AWARD: Quincy Jones.
TECHNICAL AWARD OF MERIT: Eastman Kodak Co. for the development of the Eastman ECR Color Intermediate Film 5244.
TECHNICAL AWARD OF MERIT: Petro and Paul Vishos for the conception and development of the Ultimatte Electronic Blue Screen Compacitive Process.

WEATHER

North America
Unsetted weather will pravail across the southern
United States with rain from
Texas to Georgia. The rain
will reach Toronto and New
York for a sme Thursday intoFriday. Chicago will be chilly
and mainly dry, and dry
weather will hold sway along
the Wise Coast

Europe
A nesty storm will soak areas from southern Italy and Greece to Turkey, while snow blankets parts of central Italy, Yugosiavia, Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary. Dry but cold weather will extend from France to Poland. The U.K. witl have gusty winds and a few stow-

Latin America Asia
Rain will dampen much of Japan Thursday. Southern areas will be dry Friday and Saturday, but the north will have snow or flurice. Dry and moderately chilly weather is likely in Korea. Hong Kong will be cool with some rain Thursday and Friday then milder with is lew show-

Suzanne Flon won the best actress trophy for her role in "La Chambre d'amis." Alain Françon was voted the best director for his

HE Princess of Wales is fed up with photographers. Speaking to a Daily Mirror reporter about the attentions of paparazzi, she said: "Do you know, when I go back to my hotel each afternoon, all the windows of my apartment are sur-rounded by photographers looking in at me? I feel they are raping me. I just don't know what to do. I close the curtains but they are there. I know it. I feel it." Princess Diana is on a skiing vacation in Austria with her sons William, 12, and Harry, 10. . . Meanwhile, Prince Charles suggested in a speech that he was eccentric. Referring to his habit of charles with his latest the suggested that the was eccentric. ting with his plants, he called himself the "potry prince" and "dotty."

za's "Art" received Molières for best play and best commercial production. Pierre Meyrand was named best actor for his role in "Les Affaires sont les affaires," which also sot a second award for best set design and a third for best subsidized production.

PEOPLE staging of "Les Pièces de guerre." Robert Hossein was bonored with a special Molière to celebrate his career.

Granta, the literary magazine, has a new editor, Ian Jack, most recently editor of London's Independent on Sunday. He succeeds Bill Buford, now literary editor of The New Yorker.

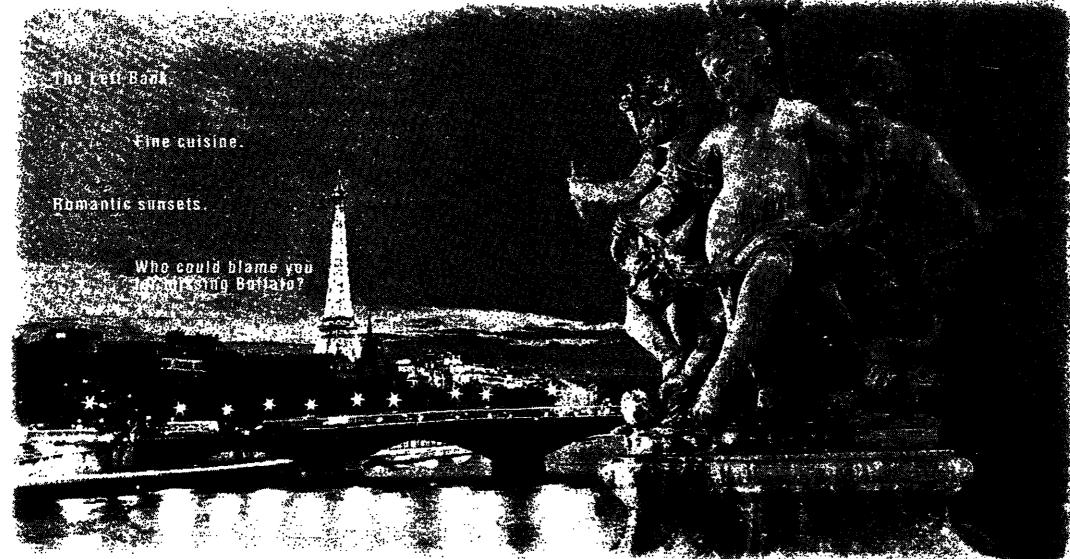
New upheavals at the Bolshoi: Principal ballerina Nadezhda Pavlova has quit the company a day after Alexander Lazarev. chief conductor, resigned. La Toya Jackson's career as a stripper

got off to a bad start at Al's Diamond Cabaret in Reading, Pennsylvania. Pabuff, hurled insults and beer cans at he when she failed to take it all off.

Danish film director Bille August told a Copenhagen newspaper that Jodie Foster might star in a movie he plans based on Peter Hoeg's best-selling novel "Smilla's Sense of Snow." August won an Oscar for "Pelle the Conqueror" in 1989.



HOUSE BUYER — Actress Sharon Stone (shown here arriving at the Academy Awards ceremony) has just bought a Beverly Hills villa with a tennis court and pool for \$4.5 million, the Los Angeles Times reports.



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